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OUR TROOPS IN CHINA.

INTERESTING DEBATE IN COMMONS.

EXCELLENT DISCIPLINE.

War Office Spokesman's High Commendation.

PRESENCE OF SHAFORCE HAD STEADYING INFLUENCE IN CHINA.

London, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons Commodore King, Financial Secretary to the War Office, moved a vote of £3,090,000 to meet during the present financial year the excess costs involved in the employment of extra troops in China. Giving details of the composition of the Force which was sent to China, he said the very presence of these troops had undoubtedly had a very steady effect. "When decreases which were decided on in July had taken effect, the strength of the force remaining in China, in addition to the garrison, would be light infantry battalions, of which five would be stationed at Shanghai, with the addition of supporting artillery and anti-aircrafts."

It was impossible to forecast the future but conditions were always being carefully watched. The whole force could not be removed until a government in China could assure us that it was both able and willing to give adequate protection to our nationals.

In dealing with riots and civil commotion the troops under difficult conditions had acted with greatest tact and restraint, and had lived up to the very highest traditions of the British Army. Despite imperfect living conditions and few opportunities for training and recreation, the discipline of troops had been excellent and their conduct most exemplary. The health of the troops had on the whole been satisfactory with the exception of an outbreak of pneumonia in the earlier months of occupation.—British Wireless Service.

HONG KONG FOR HEALTH!

London, Yesterday.
Introducing the Supplementary Estimate of £3,090,000 being the excess cost involved by the employment of extra troops in China, Commodore King said the presence of the Shanghai Defence Force undoubtedly had a steady effect in China. The Force had been reduced, but the whole of it could not be removed until a Chinese Government could assure us it was able and willing adequately to protect Britons.

Comdr. King paid a glowing tribute to the tact and restraint of the troops. They had lived up to the very highest traditions of the British army, and notwithstanding uncomfatable living conditions and restricted opportunities for recreation their discipline had been excellent and their conduct most exemplary. Everything considered, the troops' health has been satisfactory. He mentioned that the estimate for sea transport amounted to £97,000.

Shanghai Council.

Comdr. King added: "We might be grateful to the Shanghai Municipal Council for its substantial contribution to the extra cost of billets, food, light and water due to the use of one battalion on internal security duties, and also the exemption of the Shanghai Defence Force from municipal taxation on occupied land and buildings; also for the free use of unoccupied land and buildings belonging to the Council. The estimates, included full maintenance and the pay of the Indian contingent, regarding which there had been doubt."

The Hon. C. Trevelyan, opposing the Estimate, said the House wanted to know how long the troops were going to stay, and how many there were there. He did not think the health statistics revealed a good average and declared the Labour prediction that the presence of troops further embittered anti-British feelings and made the position of Britishers outside Shanghai worse had proved right. British trade had diminished for the same reason, although Chinese consumption had not decreased. It showed Lancashire was being blockaded by Shanghai. Unequal Treaties must go, and the ports and cities ought to belong to the Chinese again.

A Mecca?

Mr. Wardlaw Milne said the presence of troops in Shanghai made it a Mecca of pilgrims seeking safety from many parts of China.

Colonel Wedgwood asked whether the Foreign Office envisaged the future to any extent or simply was carrying on a futile and most expensive doctrine of "wait and see." China had been at civil war

for twelve years and there were no sign of any termination. He contended that if the occupation of Shanghai was considered necessary it ought to be definite in its conclusions as to whether the taxpayers here or the people protected in China should pay, and asked if it was impossible to organise an adequate police or defence force among the English and foreigners in Shanghai; also if the Government had any plans of obtaining co-operation among western nations. America was far more inclined to look at China from our viewpoint than a year ago, and he considered that if England and America could agree Japan would come into line.

Mr. Looker's Views.

Mr. Looker pointed out that Europeans in China were there for purely commercial purposes and could not be expected to act in the double capacity. He suggested that the Washington Agreement should be recognised as having become obsolete and then the views of other Powers should be ascertained by one of the biggest and best-known men by direct contact with the countries concerned. Moderate opinion in China should also be consulted and suggestions of mutual assistance obtained. If these efforts failed, we should consider bringing the matter before the League.

Comdr. Kenworthy thought we should induce Shanghai, "one of the wealthiest cities in the world for its size and one that practically paid no taxes," to contribute to the cost of the force.

No Power to Tax.

Comdr. King pointed out that it was an International Settlement and that we had no power to levy taxation.

Comdr. Kenworthy thought the threat of withdrawing the Force would soon make them put their hands in their pockets.

Mr. Lloyd George defended the despatch of the Force to Shanghai. He thought it might be wiser from the health viewpoint even now, for troops to be quartered in Hong Kong instead of Shanghai.

Mr. Locker-Lampson said the Government entirely agreed that unequal treaties had got to go and was merely awaiting for somebody with whom to negotiate. We kept the United States, Japan, France and Italy aware of every development of our policy in the past two years and had done our best to harmonise views. This meant the slowest set the pace. We were at present co-operating with the chief Powers at Peking with hopeful prospects in regard to Bias Bay pirates.

Patience.

He pointed out the impracticability of referring the question of China to the League. At present the position of China appeared worse than a few months ago

ANTI-"RED" MOVE.

Chiang Kai-shek On The Warpath.

"HOTBEDS OF COMMUNISM."

Nanking Officials Realizing Danger Of Soviet.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
The Nanking faction has launched a campaign against the alleged Russian influence in Chinese affairs.

Chiang Kai-shek this evening said: "The Soviet Consulates throughout China are serving as hotbeds of Communist propaganda necessitating the immediate severance of Sino-Russian relations. I sometimes ago recommended the breaking-off of relations. If action had been taken then the Canton disaster would probably never have happened."

Quo Tai-chi, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, at a University Club dinner this evening stated that China was determined to rid herself of Communism, which had brought on chaos and disorder.—Reuter.

GERMAN FINANCES.

INCREASES FOR OFFICIALS AND PENSIONERS.

Berlin, Yesterday.
The Reichstag by 333 votes to 53 adopted a bill increasing the salaries of State officials, pensioners and war veterans. The budget is thus augmented by about 325,000,000 marks annually. This is not expected to involve additional taxation, but will be covered by revenue surplus.—Reuter.

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owing to the number of conflicting leaders and the changing and shifting of the scene accentuated the difficulties of our attempts to negotiate. Therefore the only solution was patience. We would withdraw the troops directly some kind of order evolved and some sort of government was able to exercise a kind of control.

Mr. Locker-Lampson disagreed with the suggestion that we ought to have a special agreement with Japan to settle the Chinese problem, for that would be contrary to the Washington four-Power treaty, and other Powers would have a justifiable grievance. We were prepared to grant China tariff autonomy. We had already granted her the Washington surtaxes, despite opposition from practically all the Powers, especially Japan.

Estimate Adopted.

We were prepared to surrender Wei-hai-wei directly we got somebody to negotiate with and the agreement had already been drawn. We were simply waiting for an established authority to which to hand it.

Comdr. King winding up the debate, said that when reductions were completed troops would not exceed 18,000.
The Estimate was adopted by 242 votes to 108.—Reuter.

AFTER THE COUP.

Reckoning the Cost at Canton.

PARTY ISSUES.

Ironside Government May Close Soviet Consulate.

Given for what it is worth, a report has reached the "China Mail" political correspondent that the Ironside Government of Canton has closed, or is keeping under watch, the Soviet Consulate in Canton.

It is understood that the actual order for closure has not been affected but that such action has been contemplated. In the upheaval of this week, the Government's diplomatic officials have disappeared and sufficient time has not elapsed for them to get together again to consider the situation.

Conditions Compared.

From first-hand sources the "China Mail" understands that the damage and wanton destruction in the western suburb alone exceeds that of a few years ago when the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen ordered troops to attack the Merchants' Volunteers. By a coincidence, it was the Paperdresses (the 5th Army as it is now called, under General Li Fook-lum of Honam) who carried out the drive for the Government.

However, the sheer butchery when the (Red) holders of Canton routed, was not so great as when the Yunnanese mercenaries

FRESH AND FAIR.

North-east winds, fresh; fair, is the weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

An anticyclone has formed over North China and a depression to the north-east of Japan. Moderate to fresh monsoon may be expected along the coast of China and over the China Sea.

were dispossessed by the Nationalists in the summer of 1925.

No Additional Troops.

Refugees continue to come down to Hong Kong in large numbers necessitating continued vigilance by the Police here as some of the defeated Communists are known to have joined the exodus, for their own safety.

Some of the business houses in Canton are still closed, pending reorganisation. The Government have the situation entirely in hand but the number of troops available to deal with similar risings is only about the same as before, except that a few units have been withdrawn to the capital from up-country.

Party War Again.

The Red coup at Canton has had the effect of substantially relegating to the background the other Nationalist questions of note, particularly in connection with the Party convention at Shanghai.

The Kwangsi military faction, which was overthrown at Canton by the Ironsides and which still exercises considerable power at Nanking, is blaming the Leftist politicians from Canton, under Mr. Wang Ching-wei, for encouraging the Communists. The big four of the Kwangsi faction threaten immediate hostilities against the Ironsides who have now re-established themselves in Canton.

CENTRAL BANK.

Government's \$1,000,000 for Reconstruction.

That the Government will set aside \$1,000,000 for the reconstruction of premises and that the strong room defied the efforts of Red marauders is the gist of a statement emanating from semi-official sources in Canton, which is calculated towards restoring a measure of financial confidence.

Less than a hundred police and others on the Government side were killed outright when the Communists launched their coup on Sunday morning and the Red losses, in their rout of Tuesday, are of about an equal number.

Communications Restored.

Corpses, red ashes and other emblems, and fortifications were cleared away. The Magistrate suggested applied to the case.

PLEADS "GUILTY."

Canadian Charged With Fraud.

LETTERS OF CREDIT.

Court Story Of Defendant's Extensive Tour.

The hearing was begun before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning in the case in which Richard Charles Williams, alias Charles Ping, alias Charles Puig, alias Charles Stone, 30, described as a native of Quebec, Canada, is charged as follows:—

(a) that he on December 2, 1926, at No. 4a, Des Vaux Road Central, in this Colony, did by false pretences obtain \$502.62 in Hong Kong currency, and chattels or valuable securities, namely, 10 travellers' cheques, Nos. 214170 to 214179 (inclusive) of the value of \$5 each, and 40 travellers' cheques, Nos. 341257 to 341296 (inclusive) of the value of \$10 each, issued by the American Express Co., Inc., of No. 65, Broadway, New York, with intent to defraud;

(b) that he on December 2, 1926, at the same address in this Colony, did utter, knowing to be forged, a certain valuable security, namely, a letter of credit purporting to have been issued in his favour by the Banque Imperiale Ottomane at Jerusalem for an amount not exceeding \$2,000, with intent to defraud; and

(c) that he on December 2, 1926, in this Colony, did feloniously and with intent to defraud, demand and receive certain moneys on certain securities for

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and discarded weapons have been cleared from the streets.

Late on Tuesday evening intelligence was received in Canton that about 1,000 Reds—mostly disloyal troops—were about to make a stand to the north-east of the city but the timely arrival of reinforcements prevented further fighting.

Communications with Honam and with outlying ports are in course of restoration and it has been found that there was little damage to the railways.

Communists' Losses.

Officials were functioning again yesterday.

Investigations by the Police showed that members of the printers', flour workers' and seamen's unions were the most strongly represented in the rising.

Several former pickets of the Anti-Hong Kong Strike Association were among those captured or killed.

A pro-Ironside source puts the number of Communists killed, wounded or captured at 1,200 but this total is liable to be an exaggeration. However, the detectives have not relaxed in ferreting out suspected Communists from their haunts in the city.

Marital Law.

A Canton Harbour notification states that Martial Law has been enforced at Bocca Tigris, and vessels, both Foreign and Native, will not be allowed to pass between the hours of 6.00 p.m. and 6.00 a.m. For the present Foreign vessels are granted temporary exemption from examination.

French Comment.

Paris, Yesterday.
The "Gaulois" attributes the Communists rising in Canton to the Soviet's disappointment and the small success of M. Litvinoff at the disarmament conference, Geneva, and says: "We should have no illusions about the pretended tendency of the Soviet Government to adopt decent methods and co-operation with the western Powers."—Reuter.

Chinese Charged.

A Chinese named Lai Hong was this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy for the unlawful possession and distribution of seditious leaflets in Peel Street on the afternoon of Tuesday last.

RECORD BANKRUPTCY?

WELL-KNOWN CHINESE. EXAMINED.

MORTGAGED PROPERTY.

Liabilities Are Put at Over One Million.

ADMITS HE TRADED AFTER HE WAS HOPELESSLY INSOLVENT.

The public examination in bankruptcy of Mr. Fung Tat-hang (Established Over Forty Years).
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Questions relating to the basis by which goods were supplied to the Hong Kong Hotel, with which he was employed, were asked, the cross-examination also centring around share transactions through which debtor admitted himself to be heavily involved. Property owned by debtor was also stated to be heavily mortgaged.

Debtor admitted that at the end of 1925, not including interest after that period, his deficit in respect of share transactions and other transactions with the China, Provident Loan and Mortgage Company (after deducting the then value of the securities at the July, 1925, Flat Rate) was nine lakhs, apart from anything else.

Asked what creditors were present, Mr. E. Davidson said that he represented certain creditors.

At a previous hearing it was stated that debtor's liabilities were over one million dollars, whilst his assets were put at about a lakh.

This morning debtor admitted he continued to trade after 1925 when he was hopelessly insolvent, his sole hope then being that market prices would decrease. It increased his liabilities and in the meanwhile interest due to sharebrokers also increased. He agreed that much credit had been extended to him because of his business connection, but denied that suppliers understood him to be the Hotel's agent.

The failure is regarded as the record one of the Colony.

SHARE DEALINGS.

M. H. C. Macnamara appeared for the Hong Kong Territorial Estates Ltd. and Mr. A. E. Hall, who acted for the debtor, was also present.

In reply to questions, debtor stated that he was employed with the Hong Kong Hotel. He was now on a salary of \$400, a month and had been so employed since the date of his petition. He was living in On King Terrace in a house which was his own.

Judgment had been obtained against him and a prohibitory order made in respect of \$17,000 on that house by Kwong Kit-fong, a woman. Debtor estimated the value of the house at \$22,000 or more.

Debtor continued in reply to questions that he also owned No. 67, Kowloon Tong, the rent of which was \$67 a month. Debtor was married and had two children. Besides the Kowloon Tong property he had no other property in the Colony which was not very heavily mortgaged.

His Salary.

Asked whether he had considered the possibility of making any payment from his salary for the benefit of his creditors, debtor said that his salary was only enough to cover his own expenses.

Mr. Agassiz: Your expenses are not very heavy. You have no rent to pay.

Debtor: I have the schooling of my children.

Mr. Agassiz: We will consider that later.

Continuing his reply to cross-examination, debtor said he was forty-four years of age and was born in Hong Kong. He had been employed by the Hong Kong Hotel and had been in their employ in one capacity or another since 1893. The Hong Kong Hotel paid for his education at Queen's College and after leaving school he was employed in the capacity of house keeper at the hotel, his duties being to look after the plate, linen, staff and other matters.

Another Business.

He continued to serve the Hotel in that capacity until 1918 when his wages were increased. During the period between leaving school and 1918 debtor was also employed in another business, viz., an agency for rattan ware which eventually closed on account of the impossibility of shipping cargo. The business was profitable and he made between \$5,000 and \$6,000 out of it. With that amount and savings he had made, he was worth about \$10,000 in 1918.

In 1918, an agreement was entered into between him and the Hotel by which he was appointed caterer or certain terms, the Hotel binding themselves to employ him and no other caterer. The terms of the agreement were that he bought all the goods necessary for the running of the Hotel and then supplied the Hotel with their needs. On the table of the Hotel, meals fixed charge was

made and with regard to meals supplied in the grill room a la carte he was remunerated by a gross percentage on the takings of the Hotel. He was remunerated in the same way for any special dinners and banquets that might take place in the Hotel and received a percentage for teas supplied in the Hotel lounge and refreshments at the snack bar.

In reply to Mr. Agassiz, debtor said that this agreement did not include wines and spirits with regard to which a verbal agreement was entered into later on the same lines, he supplying them and being remunerated by a gross percentage of the takings. He would have to pay duties and licences for Hotel bars. This arrangement also covered other Hotel establishments such as Repulse Bay Hotel, the Peak Hotel, Cafeteria, etc.

From 1918 up to the boycott in 1925 this arrangement was carried on by debtor with satisfactory results to himself.

Yearly Profits.

Asked for a rough estimate of yearly profits, debtor placed them in the neighbourhood of \$40,000 a year.

In 1922, continued debtor in reply to cross-examination, he bought from the Hong Kong Hotel (with a co-partner) certain Steam Laundry properties. The purchase price, including machinery, goodwill and everything connected with it was \$285,000, he and his co-partner subscribing \$10,000 in cash and \$265,000 by mortgage. On the steam laundry lots there were six houses used by workmen there, which property had since been developed there being now thirteen houses there altogether.

The steam laundry business was a paying business, replied debtor, the profit being something like \$30,000 a year. At the present time the property was very heavily mortgaged. It was mortgaged to the International Bank of New York for approximately \$325,000 and there was also a second mortgage to the Hong Kong Government for \$80,000.

The Official Receiver: In your opinion, it is possible now to dispose of that property, goodwill and machinery and everything connected with it, and realise a surplus over and above the mortgage.

Property Purchases.

Debtor also replied that he had bought other property adjoining the Steam Laundry as a co-partner. It was undeveloped at the time of purchase. It had since been developed but not entirely. This property was mortgaged to the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Company, the first mortgage being \$150,000, the second, \$60,000 and there was a prohibitory order obtained after judgment had been entered in an action for \$325,478.

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LT.-COMDR. CARROLL

NAVAL SURGEON'S FUNERAL
YESTERDAY.

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY.

The funeral took place with full Naval honours yesterday of Surgeon Lieut.-Comdr. J.J. Carroll, of the Royal Naval Dockyard, whose death occurred at the Naval Hospital yesterday morning.

Preceded by the band of the Royal Marines and a squad from H.M.S. "Carlisle" with reversed arms, the coffin borne on a gun carriage, was carried to the graveside by men of the Royal Navy, an impressive service being conducted by the Rev. Father O'Connor (Naval Chaplain). After the coffin was lowered to the grave, three volleys were fired over the grave and the "Last Post" sounded.

There was a very large attendance of officers of H.M. Fleet, Army, Royal Navy Dockyard, naval ratings, medical officers, and prominent business men. Amongst those present were Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Y. Tyrwhitt (Commander-in-Chief, China Station), Major-General C. C. Luard, Commodore J. L. Pearson, Commander C. H. Phillips, Pay Lieut.-Commander H. Rogers, the Rev. W. H. Hewitt, R.N., Dr. G. W. Pope (M.O.H.), Dr. B. H. Mellon, and Dr. J. P. Fehilly.

Floral Tributes.

Included in a large number of floral tributes were wreaths from his beloved wife, Madeleine; Paula Flynn (sister-in-law), H.E. the Governor and Lady Clementine, Lady Tyrwhitt, the General Officer Commanding and staff officers, South China Command, Commodore J. L. Pearson, R.N., Lieut.-Col. V. Coates and officers of the Punjab Regiment, Surg.-Comdr. Kelley and Lieut.-Comdr. Douglas Garvey, R.N., Surg.-Comdr. Chater, R.N.

Mr. E. J. Gill, Dr. J. P. Fehilly, Dr. and Mrs. B. H. Mellon, Mr. and Mrs. Dunn and family, Mr. and Mrs. V. Chittenden, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Martin, Comdr. and Mrs. J. Figgins, R.N., Comdr. and Mrs. Christopher W. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Mayes, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Reynolds, Surg.-Comdr. and Mrs. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Hargreaves, Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Joughlin, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. J. Brock.

Medical Officers, Sick Berth Staff of H.M.S. "Tamar" and Dockyard, Officers and Staff Royal Naval Armament Depot, Staff of Chief Constructor's Office, Sick Berth of Royal Naval Hospital, S.E.E. Department, Officers of the K.O.S.B., Royal Artillery Officers' Mess, Kowloon, Stonecutter's and Lyemum, Dockyard Recreation Club, H.M. Naval Yard, European Staff of Secretary and Cashier, the Principal and Superior of the Dockyard Office, the Staff and C. of D.'s Department, R.N., Staff of the Expense Accounts Department, the Wardroom Officers, H.M.S. "Hawkins," Ship's Company, H.M.S. "Tamar," Officers of the Civil Engineer-in-Department, R.N. Dockyard, Officers, H.M.S. "Tamar," members of the R.N. Police, Storehouse, Men of the N.S. Depot.

BOER WAR.

UNVEILING OF NORWAY'S MEMORIAL.

In memory of the Scandinavians who were killed in the Boer War two great tombstones are to be unveiled on the Plain of Magersfontein to-morrow. The ceremony will be performed by General Smuts. All the money has been collected from private subscriptions.

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GOVT. HOUSE CEREMONY.

For their actions in respect of the recapture of the s.s. "Sunning" from pirate hands and the attempted rescue of a drowning man under conditions of great risk, Mr. T. P. Beatty and Mr. Duncan were respectively invested at Government House yesterday with the insignia of the Order of the British Empire and the bronze medal of the Royal Humane Society.

H.E. the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., who made the presentation, was accompanied by Capt. Whyte, A.D.C., H.E. Admiral Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt, H.E. Major-General C.C. Luard, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, and Commodore J. L. Pearson.

Mr. Beatty and Mr. Duncan were introduced to H.E. by Mr. N. S. Brown and Lieut. Comdr. G. F. Hole.

The Warrant appointing Mr. Thomas Parke Beatty an officer of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire was read by Lieut. Comdr. G. F. Hole.

A Ruse de Guerre.

Addressing Mr. Beatty, H.E. said:

Mr. Beatty, The gallant action for which His Majesty the King has been pleased to appoint you to be an Officer of the most excellent Order of British Empire is fresh in our memory and will never be forgotten in Hong Kong. On the afternoon of the 15th November, 1926, pirates had seized the s.s. "Sunning," in which you were First Officer, and all the ship's officers had been disarmed.

The pirates then ordered the ship to be navigated by its officers to Bias Bay, and during the following night you and Mr. Hurst, the Second Officer, were on the bridge



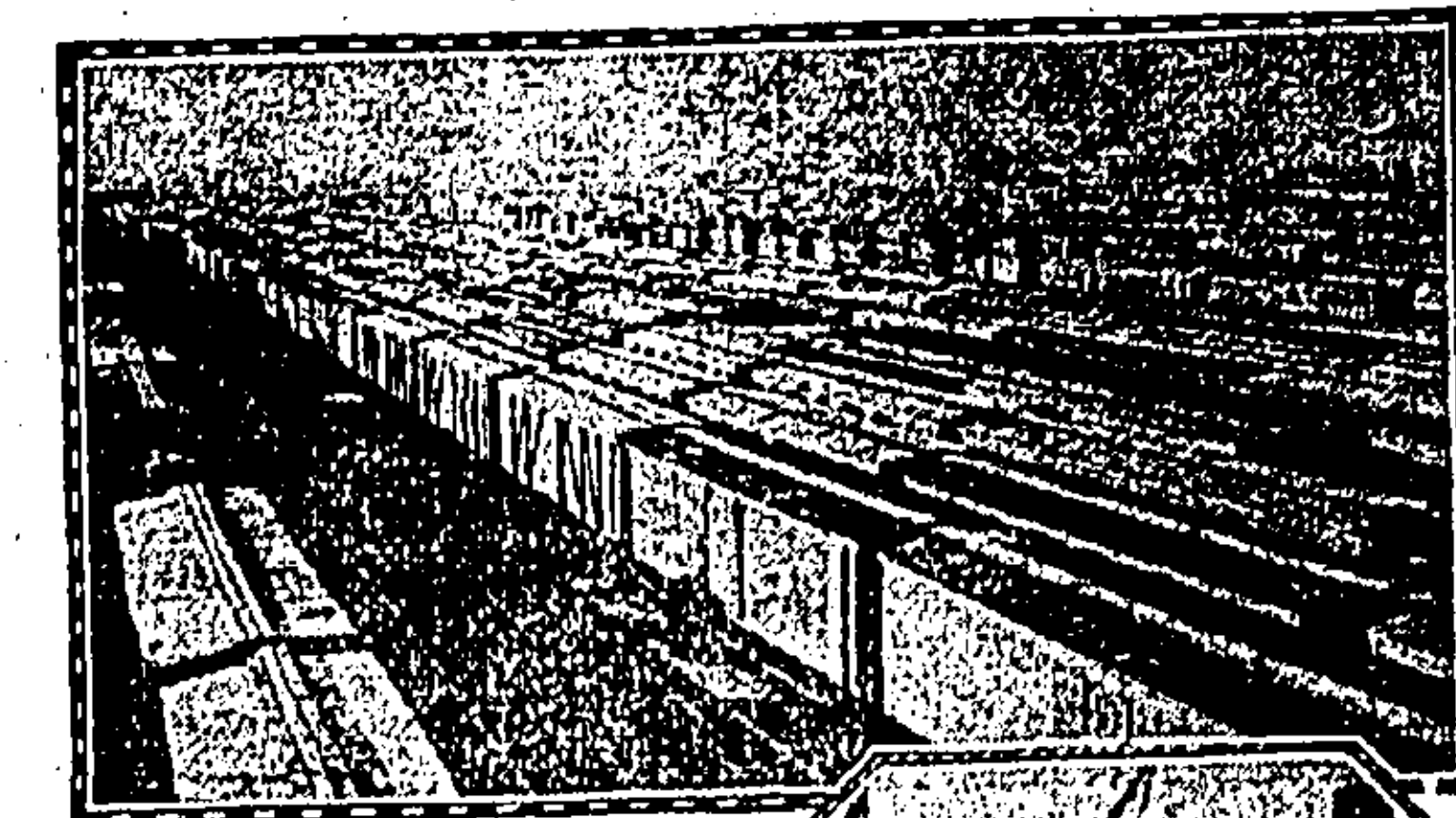
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Counter-Attacks Resisted.

You then contrived to get the other ships' officers, among them Mr. Andrew Duncan, who is also here to-day, and the European passengers through a hatch skylight on to the bridge; and together you beat off all counter-attacks made by the pirates of whom about eleven were shot in this fighting.

Failing to retake the bridge, the pirates set fire to the ship with the idea of burning out the defence. But fortunately the ship's officers managed to get the crew, who were forward, to let go the starboard anchor.

The ship then lay broadside to the wind, thus diverting the flames and the smoke from the bridge and eventually the direction of the wind drove the fire aft to the poop where the pirates were entrenched and compelled them to leave the ship in two of its boats. The officers then regained full control of their ship and finally with the assistance of H.M.S. "Bluebell," which came to the rescue, succeeded in getting the fire under control.

In this affair you and your brother officers displayed the utmost gallantry and worthily upheld the highest traditions of the mercantile marine. You have set a splendid example and I congratulate you

most heartily on the honour which His Majesty the King has been pleased to confer upon you. It is a very great pleasure to me to be the means of investing you with these insignia.

Mr. Duncan's Action.
The Warrant awarding Mr. Duncan the bronze medal of the Royal Humane Society was read by Lieut. Comdr. G. F. Hole.

Addressing Mr. Duncan, H.E. said:

Mr. Duncan, On the night of the 11th September last the s.s. "Changchow," of which at that time you were Third Engineer, was at anchor above Kiangnan Arsenal in the Lungcha Reach of the Huangpu River. The ship's boat was in the water alongside the vessel's accommodation ladder and Mr. John Griffiths, the ship's Second Officer, had entered the boat intending to go ashore. After stepping into the boat Mr. Griffiths went aft to ship the tiller and in so doing by accident he fell overboard.

The shout "man overboard" was at once raised. You were then on the deck of the "Changchow" and you immediately dived into the river without taking time to divest yourself of any of your clothing in an attempt to rescue your brother officer. The night was dark and an exceptionally strong ebb tide was running, swollen by recent heavy rain. The tide soon swept you well aft of your ship and you were eventually picked up without having seen or heard anything of Mr. Griffiths, who it seems, never came to the surface.

Against Strong Tide.
The ship's boat, which had also searched for Mr. Griffiths without success, and which picked up you, was unable to pull back to the "Changchow" against the tide, and therefore, dropped down-stream to the s.s. "Wuhu." For your gallant action under these dangerous conditions the Royal Humane Society has awarded you its bronze medal and its certificate.

I grieve with you that your brave attempt was not crowned with success; but I rejoice that your gallantry, worthy in every way to the fine service to which you belong, has been recognised by the Royal Humane Society, and it gives me great pleasure to be the means of investing you with this medal. I am glad also to salute you as one of the gallant officers who in November, 1926, recaptured the s.s. "Sunning" from a gang of Bias Bay pirates.

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MIRACULOUS ESCAPE.
The "Manila Bulletin" of December 6 reports:-
The steamship "Susana II" will be taken temporarily off the Amoy-Manila run in order to have the broken cylinder and other damaged parts of the vessel's machinery repaired. This was intimated yesterday by the new owners of the steamer, Kim Chung Ho company. The "Susana II" probably will be laid up at least two months.
The accident in which one of the three cylinders of the engine was torn up and other parts of the machinery badly damaged occurred early last Friday afternoon as the steamer was passing the Isla Dos Hermanas, off Cape Bolinao, in northern Luzon, while en route from Amoy to Manila, with 606 Chinese passengers and a small amount of general cargo. The explosion put its engine out of commission with the result that the vessel was towed to Manila on Sunday afternoon by the U.S.S. "Bittern," Asiatic fleet minesweeper.
The sailing of the "Susana II" for Amoy has been indefinitely postponed, according to information obtained from its owners last night. The vessel was scheduled to leave for Amoy yesterday afternoon.
An official examination of the engine of the steamer will be made this morning by an official from the hulls and boilers inspection division of the bureau of customs and an inspector representing the firm with which the vessel has been insured.
Captain Manuel del Villar, surveyor of the port, will also conduct a preliminary investigation this morning for the purpose, according to him, of determining the necessity of conducting a probe of the mishap by the board of marine inquiry of the bureau of customs.
According to information, an official assessment of the amount of damage in the accident will be made at the investigation by the insurance inspector. The inspection by the hulls and boilers inspector of the customs bureau will be for the purpose, among other things, of determining whether the vessel should be officially ordered to be laid up until the damage occasioned to the engine are completely repaired.
It was intimated yesterday that the repairs of the destroyed cylinder and other parts of the vessel's machinery will probably be undertaken in Hong Kong or Shanghai as the repairs would be difficult to accomplish here and would entail an extraordinarily large expenditure. The ship's engineers estimate the cost of the repairs at approximately P80,000.
Further details of the explosion, which caused the "Susana II" to arrive in Manila nearly 36 hours behind its schedule Sunday afternoon, were related yesterday by Pedro Tejada, fourth engineer, who was on duty in the engine room when the explosion occurred.
"The noise caused by the explosion was more deafening than the boom of a cannon. The explosion took place at exactly 2 o'clock in the afternoon of Friday. I was in the lower compartment of the engine room, and my first impression as I heard the loud burst was that some piping system had been blown out. I never thought it was as serious as what actually had happened. I noticed that the engine room was filled with smoke and hot steam, and the first thing I did was to shut off the valves in order to stop the engine."
"The explosion was caused by the blowing off of a piston rod from one of the three cylinders of the engine. The rod alone weighed nearly two tons. The cylinder cover was blown off also. Fragments of the cylinder were blown clear through the skylight."
"It was miraculous that I escaped death. I was just below the blown cylinder, and the iron network over my head prevented the flying iron fragments from dropping on me. It was a wonder no one was killed."
"The accident was really a serious one, and if nobody in the engine room was killed it was simply because no one happened to be near the bursting cylinder when the explosion occurred."
"There was nothing in the movement of the engine to indicate that an accident would happen. The engine was running smoothly, and nothing was noticed that there was any defect in the machinery which could cause the explosion."
"An undetected crack in the base of the piston rod within the cylinder caused it to blow off, I believe."
Captain Manuel Roco will file a detailed report of the accident with the insular collector of customs, this morning, he informed the Bulletin last night.
MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.
The B. I. s.s. "Tilawa" will leave Amoy for this port on December 16 at 4 p.m. and is due here on December 17 at 4 p.m.
The B. I. s.s. "Takliwa" left Singapore for this port on December 13 at 4 p.m. and is due here on December 19 at 4 p.m.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on December 10, and is due here on December 20.
The s.s. "Corby Castle" (D. & Co.) sailed from Honolulu on November 26, and is due in Manila on January 1, 1928.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" (Capt. A. J. Hosken, R.N.R.) will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at noon on January 4, (Wednesday), 1928.
The M.V. "Viminale" (D. & Co.) sailed from Aden on December 6, and is due here on January 6, 1928.
The M.V. s.s. "Canton" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Rotterdam on November 22, and is due here on or about January 6.
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INCREASED PASSENGERS.
London, Yesterday.
Presiding at the annual meeting of the Peninsular and Oriental Co., Viscount Inchcape said that although passage earnings had advanced by £250,000 very few voyages left a credit balance. There had been for various reasons a shortage of cargo to and from India, China and Australia. The cost of fuel, equipment and wages continued high, and despite of efforts to reduce the working expenses without impairing efficiency they found it difficult to make ends meet; but he hoped that next year the Board would be able to recommend a moderate dividend.—Reuter.
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The captain and crew of 12 were taken off the sinking schooner and left at Cristobal. The schooner was set on fire at abandonment.
On November 22 at 10 a.m., in Latitude 33°24'0" N. and Longitude 149°13'0" East, 850 miles from the Japanese Coast, the Japanese motor boat "Heiwa Maru" of Wakayama was sighted, apparently in distress. The vessel had left Wakayama with a load of lumber and safely discharged her cargo at Osaka.
The "Heiwa Maru" left for the home port with a load of ice on November 3. The next afternoon when only a few miles from home she ran into heavy weather and both her shaft and rudder were broken leaving the vessel in a helpless condition.
Captain Junichi Tazawa and two others comprising his crew kept alive by melting ice for drinking water and eating soft-boiled rice and fish in small quantities once a day. When rescued after 18 days drifting, they had rations for one more day.
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MANILA MARU Saturday, 31st December.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.
BORNEO MARU Saturday, 24th December.
SHUNKO MARU Tuesday, 3rd January.
KASADO MARU Friday, 6th January.
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.
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MARKET PRICES.

Nothing will be lost by Mr. Wong Kwong-tin leaving in abeyance his motion at the Sanitary Board in regard to a recommendation that legislation be introduced to provide means for the control and regulation of food prices in the Colony. At the previous meeting, it may be recalled, a Committee was appointed to inquire into market rents. Although a member of the Committee, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin considered that a Committee was unnecessary, suggesting that the head of the Sanitary Board should deal with the question of fixing market rents, but adding that prices should be controlled by law. Naturally a discussion on a motion to recommend legislation to control food prices would embarrass the Committee relating to rents. When it concludes its labours and reports in due course, then will be a more opportune time to deal with the more thorny question of food prices. As Mr. Braga pointed out at a meeting of the Sanitary Board some months ago, Hong Kong has the unenviable reputation of being one of the most expensive places in which to live in the Far East. If the prices charged at the markets contribute to that reputation, it is certainly a matter for the Sanitary Board to consider most seriously. If other factors are likewise contributing, then it seems to be a question for a Select Committee of the Legislative Council to thresh out in the interests of the community.

In another part of the proceedings of the Sanitary Board on Tuesday—a discussion on the

IN THE BOX.

MR. LINDSELL IN UNUSUAL ROLE.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell's rattan basket containing his dress suit which was last Thursday reported stolen from his motor car outside the Star Ferry wharf, has been recovered. This morning two men were charged before Major C. Willson, one with stealing the property and the other with receiving stolen property (a pair of jade and gold cuff links which No. 2 had melted down and disposed of the gold).

Mr. Lindsell gave evidence of identifying the basket and its contents, also two pieces of jade which he said were of the same shape and hue as those on his cuff links. Afterwards Mr. Lindsell conducted his own case in the examination of other witnesses and secured both men's conviction.

The thief got six weeks' jail, whilst the man who melted down the gold received two months' hard labour because he had a previous conviction for receiving stolen property.

PLEADS "GUILTY"

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money, namely, \$502.62 in Hong Kong currency, and 50 travellers' cheques issued by the American Express Co., Inc., 10 of which were of the value of \$5 each, and 40 of the value of \$10 each, by virtue of a certain false instrument, to wit, a forged letter of credit purporting to have been issued by the Banque Imperiale Ottomane at Jerusalem in his favour for an amount not exceeding on the whole \$2,000, knowing it to be forged.

To Plead "Guilty."

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. C. S. Hugh-Jones appeared for the prosecution, whilst the accused was defended by Mr. Leo d'Almada, Sen.

At the outset Mr. Jenkin asked his Worship's permission to amend a figure in the first and third charges, substituting \$502.62 for \$463.87.

After this was done, Mr. Lindsell informed Mr. d'Almada that his Worship had assumed from the beginning of the case that it was one for commitment to the Criminal Sessions and had at the first hearing explained the charges to the accused, so that it was not necessary that morning to formally charge the accused.

Mr. d'Almada agreed.

Mr. Jenkin then proceeded to state the facts concerning the accused in so far as they related to the charges against the accused.

Mr. d'Almada interrupted to say that the accused would plead "guilty" to all the charges, and Mr. d'Almada only wished to reserve for himself to argue on any point of law which might arise at the Sessions.

Mr. Lindsell said that if the case was to go to the Sessions, all the evidence in the case would have first to be taken by him.

Mr. d'Almada said that he was merely mentioning it to his Worship now, so that it could not afterwards be said that the accused had decided to plead "guilty" after the facts of the case had been brought out.

Mr. Lindsell accordingly made a note of Mr. d'Almada's plea with the reservation made by Counsel.

At Jerusalem.

Mr. Jenkin said that that about July 27, 1926, the accused turned up at the Jerusalem branch of the Banque Imperiale Ottomane and there bought a letter of credit for \$200 for which he paid the equivalent in the currency of Jerusalem which Counsel believed was Piastres.

The first place the accused went to after leaving Jerusalem was Alep, from which place accused wrote to the bank in Jerusalem on August 1 requesting the return of his \$200 or the bank should issue a new letter of credit in his favour. Counsel said that the accused alleged that the original letter of credit was burned whilst the accused was at a smithy in Alep where he had to dismount from his horse to have it shod. Whilst in the smithy a spark fell on his coat, and the letter of credit which was folded in four was burned.

New Letter Issued.

It was an unfortunate accident, Counsel commented, but it was more unfortunate that the place where the figure of the amount of the letter of credit should have been burned out. Anyway, the bank issued to the accused a new letter of credit which the accused received and wrote to the bank thanking them for it. The letter, Mr. Jenkin said, was written in French, a language which the accused knew well besides several others as would be seen as the case proceeded.

Accused then left Alep and went to Baroot where he procured a draft for \$10, before reaching Damascus, where he took a draft for \$5, the accused obtained other drafts of \$5 in two other places. The accused then went back to Baroot where he obtained another draft for \$10, and thence he proceeded to Basra where he took a draft for \$70, also against his letter of credit. Then the accused seemed to have exhausted the field in both Iraq and the Holy Land, and proceeded to Bombay where he first got \$5 then \$75 for which he took out drafts against his letter of credit.

After these two last drawings there was left only \$15 which he could draw against his letter of credit. But between Bombay and Singapore, the accused appeared to have altered the letter of credit from the original \$200 to \$2,000, and against this altered letter of credit he was permitted to draw \$1,200, thus giving him a profit of \$1,000.

In Singapore.

In Singapore the accused obtained \$480 from the American Express Company and gave a draft for it. From what remained, the accused cashed another draft for \$35, and then he came on to Hong Kong arriving here about December 1, 1926. Here he went to the American Express Company and obtained traveller's cheques to the value of \$450 and cash to the equivalent of \$50.

By the time the accused left Hong Kong, the total drawing against the letter of credit was \$1,200.

From Hong Kong the accused went to North China, including Peking, and thence to Japan.

In Yokohama, although it hid nothing to do with the charges against the accused, Counsel mentioned that the accused turned his attention to an American Bank called the Hundredth Bank and there he bought a letter of credit for \$180, and under that letter of credit the accused subsequently obtained \$75 against a draft, leaving a balance of \$105. Subsequent to obtaining the \$75, the accused forged the letter of credit by altering the \$75 to \$25, thus giving himself a balance of \$155. This letter of credit was issued to the accused in the name of E. L. Wilson, which was one of the numerous names under which the accused had appeared.

On Way to Hong Kong.

Proceeding, Mr. Jenkin said that whilst the accused was en route to Hong Kong in the charge of the Chilean police (accused was arrested in Chile and extradited to Hong Kong) accused at Yokohama obtained permission to write to the Hundredth Bank and received a reply in the name of Wilson.

Accused arrived in Chili in February or March 1927 and there he obtained a letter of credit for Gold \$1,300 from the National City Bank of New York, and Counsel had no doubt that the accused would not doubt have victimised that bank.

Interesting Bag.

Mr. Jenkin proceeded to say that there was brought to Hong Kong with the accused by the Chilean police a bag in which were a wallet containing two letters of credit, and a cutting of a letter from the second letter of credit the accused obtained from the Banque Imperiale Ottomane, and that probably explained why accused could not produce that draft. The cutting referred to certain drawings made by the accused in November in Singapore and two drawings made in Hong Kong. These latter two will be identified by Mr. G. P. Lammert, teller of the American Express Company. The cutting was probably made by the accused because he wanted specimen of the American Express Company in both Singapore and Hong Kong.

Other interesting things found in the bag brought with the accused were two bottles of chemicals for removing ink marks from documents, two brushes, two or three fine pens like those used for drawing, a bottle of ink, a box of colours, all of which Counsel said were probably for use in perpetrating such frauds.

Numerous Names.

Other finds included a curious bottle of ink, a box of coloured powders and a blotting paper in which was a piece of carbon paper with the tracing of a coat of arms of some sort. There were also some identification documents in which it could be seen that the accused had adopted numerous names in various parts of the world. It is not clear where the accused's birthplace was, but he claimed that it was Quebec, Canada. Accused had appeared on the identification papers to have been born in Spain and Egypt. On two motor car driver's licences issued in London and Paris the accused appeared under the name of Richard Williams. On a French identification card his name was Louis Martin, Spanish, and when he wanted to go from France to England, the accused went to the British Consul and by representing that his passport had gone on to England by mistake with his luggage, secured a temporary certificate in the name of Edward Louis Wilson.

In Chile the accused went under the name of Luis Martin Lopez, Spanish. Accused was also known by the name of Charles Stone and various other names. Counsel suggested that it was for no innocent purpose that a man would go about under different names in the same place at one and the same time.

Evidence was then called. The case is continuing.

LOCAL RADIO.

EXPERIMENTAL BROADCASTS FROM ENGLAND.

British Broadcasting Corporation propose to conduct experimental transmission through station No. 5 S.W. for the next few months beginning on December 12 daily except Saturday and Sunday between the hours of 8.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. and 3 a.m. to 7 a.m. Local Time. The wave used will be 24 metres. Concise monthly reports on reception by amateurs of the above would be welcome and might be forwarded to the Electrical Engineer, Public Works Department, at monthly intervals. The first reports should be sent in at the end of December.

I would like to see instituted among motor-cyclists a league of "Safety" whose slogan would be "Safety first—for others." Lord Birkhead.

"MERRIE ENGLAND."

CROWDED ATTENDANCE AT MATINEE.

A HAPPY AUDIENCE.

"Trust the kiddies to appraise a show" was the remark overheard last evening on coming out of the Theatre Royal after the matinee performance of "Merrie England." From shortly after four o'clock the youngsters and their grown-up relatives and friends, not to speak of amahs by the score, began to roll up. As time went past it appeared as if the building would not be large enough to accommodate all who desired admission and that the placard "Standing Room Only" would have to be put up. When the curtain eventually went up the principals and chorus were confronted by a veritable sea of juvenile faces—and very many adult ones, too, for such is the popularity of the matinee even among those elderly folk who dislike a late night. Indeed, more than one matinee during a season of nine performances would be more appreciated than perhaps the organisers of them realise.

The production, as such, has already received ample justice by the Press. It went with a rare swing from beginning to end yesterday without any hesitancy on the part of principals or chorus, and so far as was apparent, without the aid of the prompter. Musically speaking, it may be described as the most successful effort of the Philharmonic Society for many years. Useful as are the solos and choruses in themselves Edward German, the composer, would have been hard put to it to find a single blemish in interpretation at yesterday's matinee. The credit for this must undoubtedly be given to Bandmaster W.H. Fitz-Earle, A.R.C.M., who conducted with rare efficiency, orchestra, chorus, and soloists alike rising to the occasion and sharing his enthusiasm.

Further performances will be given to-night, to-morrow night, and Saturday night.

FATAL FALL.

ELECTRICIAN FALLS THROUGH A CHURCH.

A Manila paper of December 7 reports:

While fixing the electric wires in the Recoletos Church in the Walled City shortly after 8 a.m. to-day, Roman Resumet, 35 years old, an electrician, fell through the ceiling of the church to the tiled floor an unrecognisable mass of splintered flesh and bones. The fall of 25 metres from the ceiling near the church dome to the floor crushed his skull and broke every bone in his body, causing instantaneous death.

The miraculous saving of an old woman from certain death is an interesting feature of the accident. The electrician's body hit the floor just at the moment the old woman had stopped praying and stood up to resume her seat in the pews. The body landed right in front of the woman who, in horror and amazement, cried aloud and stopped the service then going on. The congregation and church attendants immediately crowded about the body.

The body was taken to the city morgue after the usual police investigations were over. It is believed that the caving in of the ceiling was due to age, the church itself having been built more than 100 years ago. The ceiling is made from material not considered safe to-day, although it was considered the best at the time the church was constructed.

SLAVE AS A GIFT.

OFFER MADE TO KING OF SPAIN.

Lady Simon, to whose services in helping to put an end to slavery in the Sierra Leone Protectorate her husband, Sir John Simon, paid a tribute, addressed an anti-slavery demonstration in Hull. Remarking that over 200,000 slaves would regain their freedom by the passing of the Sierra Leone Ordinance, Lady Simon said: "This shows that the work the Anti-Slavery Society is doing is necessary and valuable work and deserves our support. Our ideal is the abolition of slavery in all its forms in this generation. Britain has always led the way in this crusade, and our duty is to point to the dark places of the world and to work to abolish slavery everywhere. The League of Nations has set its hand to this task, and our own Government has given the League the lead in this matter. In China there are at least 2,000,000 slaves, and in Abyssinia there are 2,000,000 more." Conditions there were terrible. The supply was kept up by slave raiders. Lady Simon mentioned that the King of Spain, while touring in Morocco, was offered by one of the chiefs a slave as a gift—a gift, of course, the King could not accept, but which

IN BANKRUPTCY.

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In addition to that, debtor stated that he had several other properties. The following were enumerated: Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1520, Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1924 and Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1460. These lots were included in the Government security for \$80,000.

In reply to the Official Receiver, debtor said that all these mortgages, with the exception of the Government mortgage, were created as long ago as 1923 and 1924, none, with the exception of the Government mortgage, having been contracted since.

Heavily Mortgaged.

Debtor was also examined as to Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1109 which was purchased by him from Mr. Chuen for \$73,362 and mortgaged back to him for \$47,000. This property was not developed. The covenant, which was to erect property of the value of \$20,000, had expired once and had been extended to January 1 next.

Nothing had been built and witness agreed that there might be a possibility of the Government re-entering.

Mr. Agassiz: Will you agree with me that all these properties which I have enumerated were fully encumbered in 1924 and that since that time it has not been possible to raise further money on them.

Debtor: Yes, that is true.

Debtor also agreed that he had had other properties which he had sold with a certain amount of profit during the land boom. He also had certain Aberdeen Lots which were bought by him in 1923 and which had since been developed by him. There were fourteen houses on that property and he collected \$30 odd in respect of each. Out of that money he had to pay Crown rent and taxes and they were also heavily mortgaged, the first mortgage being contracted in 1924. The first mortgage was for \$50,000, the second for \$30,000 and another charge in September, 1925, for \$60,000. He agreed that since September, 1925, it had not been possible to raise further money by mortgage on that property.

The Share Market.

Besides interesting himself in land, debtor admitted that he had interested himself to a very considerable extent in the share market. He started operations in shares about 1922 and started to lose money from 1924 onwards. Like many others, on the July, 1925 Settlement, he was very heavily involved.

Referring to the proofs of debt filed in respect of share transactions, debtor stated that there were certain amounts in regard to which he had asked for investigation and which he did not at the present time, at any rate, agree with. In this connection, an amount claimed by Mr. Carroll was mentioned, also by Mr. J. R. Grose. There was also a question arising out of a proof lodged by Mr. Lo.

Mr. Agassiz: At the end of 1925, not including any accrued interest after that time your deficit in respect of share transactions and also in respect of your transactions with the China Provident, Loan and Mortgage Company, (after deducting the then value of the shares, taking the July, 1925, Flat Rate) was approximately nine lakhs alone, apart from anything else.

Debtor: I have not gone into it myself yet.

Mr. Agassiz: Have you ever considered or looked into your position at the end of 1925?

Debtor: No.

The Official Receiver: When did you have sufficient interest in your affairs to investigate your position?

Debtor: I did so in 1924 but not after that.

Debtor continued that in 1924 he was solvent.

Mr. Agassiz: At the end of 1925, will you agree with me, you were hopelessly insolvent?

Debtor: Yes.

In reply to His Lordship debtor stated that the only hope he had was that the shares might go up again.

After 1925.

Debtor also admitted that although he knew at the end of 1925 that he was not in a position to pay his debts he continued to trade.

Asked whether he realized at this time that his indebtedness to shareholders was increasing, debtor stated that he did not.

The Official Receiver then went into figures showing that debtor was paying, 8, 9, 10 and 12 per cent.—in some cases at compound interests.

Debtor replied that he never agreed to pay compound interest.

His Lordship asked for the figures of debtor's indebtedness to shareholders alone at the end of 1925, apart from the China Provident indebtedness.

Debtor admitted that it was in the neighbourhood of four or five lakhs at that time. He also admitted that proof of debt as lodged by shareholders amounted to \$1,027,700.47. The security they held was valued at \$183,500.

Official Receiver: Deducting those securities and also proofs you

dispute, your unsecured liabilities to shareholders at the present time—on that basis—is \$760,160.977.

Debtor: I know nothing about it myself.

Market Prices.

The Official Receiver: You agree that your operations on the share market have contributed to your present position?

Debtor: On account of the share market as well as prices of goods for the Hotel having gone up.

The Official Receiver reminded debtor that he had stated he made \$40,000 a year up to the strike of the staff in 1925. About that time said debtor, market prices went up and never came down again.

Continuing, debtor stated that he had applied to the Hotels Co. for variation of the terms of the agreement but he carried on under the agreement until November 9 of this year.

The Official Receiver went into figures which he characterised as very heavy losses indeed on the entering for 1926 and the first ten months of 1927.

In 1926 he lost on food \$143,338.49 but on wines he made a profit of \$27,369.76. Therefore his losses for 1926 would be \$115,968.73.

Answering His Lordship debtor said that he carried on hoping that prices might come down and that his agreement might be varied.

For the ten months of 1927 his losses on food were \$150,515.23 but his profit on wines was \$21,866.82 making a net loss of \$128,648.41.

Debtor agreed with the Official Receiver that the total of goods supplied, being \$184,245.92, was—with a few exceptions—incurred this year from May to November inclusive. In the few days of November he ordered goods on credit worth \$9,533.75.

Credit Stopped.

The Dairy Farm Co. stopped his credit on November 1 and Lane, Crawford, Ltd., made intimation to him on November 3 or 4 that no more goods would be supplied unless outstanding accounts were paid. He accordingly made a request to the Hotels Co. for assistance. This request was refused. Mr. Suckling informing him that he would be paid as usual on the 15th when he expected to receive about \$25,000.

He made up his mind to file his petition in bankruptcy on Nov. 9 because one of the market dealers sued him for over \$3,000, the writ became due and he did not have the means to pay.

Answering the Official Receiver, debtor admitted he continued to trade after 1925 when he was hopelessly insolvent, his sole hope then being that market prices would decrease. It was a fact that by so continuing to trade he had increased his liabilities and in the meanwhile interest due to shareholders also increased.

Mr. E. Davidson, appearing for Messrs. Calbeck, MacGregor & Co., Ltd., whose proof of claim for over \$13,000 had been admitted, was the only one to question debtor on behalf of creditors.

Not Hotels Co. Agent.

Answering Mr. Davidson, debtor said that it was in about 1922 that a verbal agreement was made for him to cater for wines on which he got 48 per cent. Explaining the procedure, debtor said that he bought wholesale and sold retail, that the licence was in the name of the Hotel, but he paid for the licence. The Hotels Co. also had a dealers' licence. He admitted that much credit had been extended to him because he was the Hotel caterer but he denied that suppliers understood him to be the Hotel's agent. Orders were made out by him for people to deliver goods to the Hotel but he took charge of the goods for debtor.

The public examination was then announced as closed.

AT THE QUEEN'S.

FOUR HORSEMEN OF THE APOCALYPSE.

Blasco Ibanez wrote a novel, out of which Rex Ingram produced a film play. In this film play Rudolph Valentino and Alice Terry were "starred," and as soon as it was released the public, everywhere, took to it. So much so that it was successfully revived in many places. Hong Kong appears to be one of those places, for the "China Mail" man unfortunately who yesterday left his visit until the last performance was greeted with a "House Full" card. The film play is "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" and it is being shown at the Queen's Theatre. But you had better apply for your seats early.

INJECTED FOWLS.

PARISIANS IN A PANIC.

Paris, Nov. 16.

The announcement that thieves had stolen a number of fowls, injected with various toxins from the Physiological College, caused a panic among Parisians who had eaten chicken at luncheon.

Exports predict that others are likely to suffer from botulism but there is no danger of death.

Detectives have failed to trace the fowls in the markets.—"Ceylon Observer."

"RUNNING DOGS."

SHANGHAI STRIKE SITUATION.

REWARDS FOR MURDER.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

There is no change in the tramway strike situation. The Strike Committee are distributing handbills which urge that extreme action be taken against the "Running Dogs" with a scale of rewards for murder or arrest, the payment of which is guaranteed by the Strike Committee.

BRITISH CLAIMS.

MEXICAN REVOLUTION OF 1919.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

London, Yesterday.

The following official statement is issued. "On March 31, 1927, it was announced a convention had been concluded between the British Government and the Mexican Government for the adjustment of certain classes of claims for losses incurred by British subjects in Mexico on account of revolutionary acts which occurred between November, 1919, and May, 1920, and that British subjects or companies with claims of this kind should in their own interest communicate at once with the Under-Secretary of States for Foreign Affairs at the Foreign Office."

A number of British subjects with whom it has been found impossible to communicate and who filed claims about the time of their losses with the British Consulate-General at Mexico City have not yet communicated with the Foreign Office. The claimants or their legal representatives are warned that failure to communicate immediately with the Foreign Office may seriously prejudice their claims, and in cases where further evidence is required but not forthcoming, may lead to their abandonment.—British Wireless Service.

LABOUR'S SURTAX.

PARTY CONSIDERING SCHEME.

TO CARRY ON.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Labour Party yesterday considered Mr. Philip Snowden's recent pronouncement on the proposals for the surtax on incomes over £500 yearly derived from investments and property.

The ex-Chancellor had declared that the proceeds, which some advocates of the surtax estimate will yield £80,000,000 annually, should be devoted to debt reduction.

A strong section of the Labour Party favours devoting the proceeds to the abolition of taxes on necessities and the development of social services. A resolution was passed, after long discussion, declaring that the Party unanimously instructs the executive to take immediate steps to have the surtax proposal energetically put before the country.—British Wireless Service.

BALKAN RIOTS.

STUDENTS' OUTBREAK IN TRANSYLVANIA.

Bukharest, Yesterday.

In connection with the recent students' demonstrations the Ministerial Council has issued a statement in which it is decided to replace the prefects of the provinces of Bihar, Oradea and Oluj.

The Council is inquiring into the position of other judicial, civil and military authorities.

A number of arrests have been made at various centres where the disturbances occurred, and all the prisoners will be court-martialled.

The Bukharest Government has appointed a special commission to investigate the damage, and has provided a credit of 5,000,000 lei to restore the synagogues.—Reuter.

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London, Yesterday.

The rank of brigadier is being substituted for what are described as the "clumsy titles" of Colonel-Commandant and Colonel-in-Staff, announced the Financial Secretary to the War Office, replying to a question in the Commons, "when the necessary statutory provisions are made in the Army Act."—Reuter.

PROPERTY SALE.

AT LAMMERT'S SALE ROOMS YESTERDAY.

No. 67 Pokfulam Road, the end house of a terrace near Third Street, was sold at Messrs. Lammer's Auction Rooms yesterday for \$29,500, the purchaser being Mr. Lau Kai-fan, on behalf of the Wing On Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

At the same sale, No. 11 Wong-nichong Road (also known as No. 4 Man Chung Terrace) was withdrawn from the market at \$28,500. No. 69 Pokfulam Road (including No. 236, Third Street) was withdrawn at \$40,500.

CINEMA NOTES.

"BEWARE OF WIDOWS" AT WORLD.

Few stars are more popular in Hong Kong than Laura La Plante, the heroine of "The Cat and the Canary" and a dozen comedies. Hence the pleasure that will be felt at her return to the Colony this week in a new farce, "Beware of Widows," which will be screened at the World Theatre from Thursday to Saturday.

Byron Washburn, distinguished leading man of the stage and screen, plays the role of the young doctor finance of the dimpled blonde who makes the mistake of serving one of his attractive female patients not wisely but too well. The result is that the indignant bride-to-be denounces him as a polygamist and goes back to her mother.

However, when she sees in the society columns the announcement of the doctor's forthcoming marriage to the charming widow whose wife was responsible for her shattered romance, she realises that she can't live without him and determines, on the eve of the marriage, to snatch him back. The audacious ruse by which she manages to get around the household where the wedding is to take place, and the means she employs in gaining her ends provide the climax to an excellent farce.

"IT'S THE OLD ARMY GAME" AT STAR TO-DAY.

"It's the Old Army Game," which comes to the Star Theatre today as the chief attraction until Saturday, presents W. C. Fields the leading man in "Sally of the Saw Dust" and "That Royle Girl" as a star in his own right, with Louise Brooks as his leading lady. Fields is seen in the role of Florida's drug-store keeper and the story deals in part with his adventures when he becomes involved in the operations of a New York real estate dealer, and in part with his unsuccessful efforts to win the hand of his charming assistant who falls in love with the city man, played by George Delavan. "It's the Old Army Game" was produced by Edward Sullivan who made "Behind the Front" and "We're in the Navy Now."

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To-day—Theatre Royal; "Merrie England," 9 p.m.

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Four Horsemen of Apocalypse," 8 p.m.

To-day—World Theatre; "Beware of Widows," 8 p.m.

To-day—Star Theatre; "It's The Old Army Game," 8 p.m.

December 15—Helen May Institute Concert, 5.30 p.m. postponed until January.

December 16—Second annual dinner at Hong Kong Hotel roof garden, 8 p.m. to 12.30.

December 24—Dinner dance at King Edward Hotel, 8.30 to midnight.

December 31—New Year's Eve dance at King Edward Hotel, from 8.30 to midnight.

Sports.

December 15—First St. Peter's Church of Y.M.C.A. Season at St. John's Cathedral Hall, 8.30 p.m.

December 24—Christmas meeting of the Fanling Hunt at Kwantli Lammer's Auctions.

December 16—A fine collection of Curios, at Sales Room, 2.30 p.m.

December 19—At 4, Cambay Bldgs., (ground floor), Nathan Rd. Kowloon, household furniture, 11 a.m.

December 19—At 5, Beaconsfield Arcade, the goods and chattels of the Magasin General, 2.30 p.m.

December 20—At Sales Room, Duddell St., a fine assortment of valuable articles for Christmas presents, 2.15 p.m.

December 20—Auction of s.s. "Wing Ping" by Messrs. Lammer Bros.

Meetings.

December 21—General meeting of the Industrial & Commercial Bank, Ltd., York Bldg., 2 p.m.

December 21—Annual meeting of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, in Old Chamber of Commerce Room, 5.30 p.m.

December 22—Ninth yearly meeting of the China Light & Power Co., (1918), Ltd., St. George's Bldg., Chater Rd., noon.

December 22—Sergeant's Mess Meeting, Volunteer Headquarters, 6 p.m.

December 22—H.K.V.D.C. "Sergeant's Mess meeting, 6 p.m.

January 7—Meeting of Creditors of the Prince's Bldg. & Land Co., Ltd., 6 Des Voeux Road Central, noon.

Miscellaneous.

To-day—Annual exhibition of the Hong Kong Art Club, Pedder Bldgs. (4th floor), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

December 29—Presentation to the Rev. Copley Moyle at reception in St. John's Cathedral Hall, 6-6 p.m.

December 20—Distribution of prizes at the Peak School by Lady Clementi, 5.15 p.m.

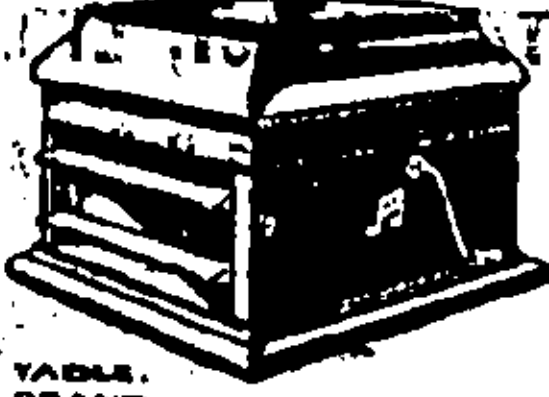
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LOCAL AND GENERAL, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. N. M. Beck has been appointed Surveyor of Ships, Examiner of Engine Drivers and Inspector of Machinery at Labuan.

Mr. J. D. Maxwell Smith, Chairman of the Sanitary Board, is shortly leaving Taiping on transfer, and will be stationed at Temerloh.

Mr. J. D. Fettes has been appointed Deputy President of the Penang Municipal Commission during the absence on leave of Mr. G. L. Ham.

Raja Omar, who had been officiating at Batu Gajah in place of the Malay Magistrate, is at present acting at Kampar in a similar capacity.

The concert to be held at the Helena May Institute on Thursday, December 15, is postponed until January. Tickets sold will hold good for next performance.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei has declared he will not leave Shanghai until a satisfactory result has been reached in the Preliminary Meeting of the Kuomintang Party there.

Mr. G. C. Denham, formerly Inspector General of Police, Straits Settlements, arrived in Singapore from Java by the "Melchior Treub," accompanied by Mrs. Denham.

Both marriages and divorces increased in the State of New York during 1926, the Department of Commerce announced. There were 120,565 marriages and 4,674 divorces.

The engagement is announced between Mr. Henry Maurice Pendlebury, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pendlebury, of Broadlands, Shrewsbury, and Miss Phyllis Hort Reid, of Forward, Minchinhampton, Gloucestershire.

According to General Ho Yin-chung, who is in Shanghai, the Nationalist Forces on the Tsinpu line expect to join up with the North-western troops after two or three days. The Nationalist troops now are at the south of Hsuehchow.

After 32 years' service, Mr. Alfred J. Hughes, Postmaster-General, Bengal and Assam, has retired. Mr. Hughes, who is the son of the late Dr. James Hughes, Civil Surgeon, Nowgong, Assam, joined the Indian Postal Service in 1895.

Inspector J. B. Beckingham, with his wife and family, left Penang by the "Mongolia" for Home. Until his serious illness in September, Inspector Beckingham was in charge of the Weights and Measures, Firearms and Explosives Department.

Mrs. Wakefield, the widow of Capt. J. B. Wakefield, who was killed by smugglers a few months ago, is returning from England by the Blue Funnel "Antenor." On her arrival in Singapore she intends to return to her former profession of teaching, or to obtain other employment.

Cases of cholera have been reported in Batavia both among Europeans and the native residents. Seven fatal cases, some European, have occurred since the outbreak, one in Buitenzorg. More than 80,000 people have been inoculated. Quarantine regulations are now applicable.

The second meeting of the International Conference of appraisal of goods was held in Peking in the office of the Director of Revenue, when delegates exchanged views concerning metals, the second and the third items of the agenda sent in by the Chinese delegate. The meeting adjourned without arriving at any decision.

Chinese shops on Paoshan and Kiukiang Roads in Shanghai Chinese territory suspended their business for four hours as a manifestation of their opposition to the stamps forced upon them by the authority. However, the four hours' strike was soon called off owing to promise obtained for a reconsideration of the question.

Berlin December 1.—The cruiser "Berlin" which was recently reconditioned as a German cadet-ship left Wilhelmshaven on a tour of the Far East for approximately 15 months. The ship will call at the important ports of the Far East, including Bombay, Trincomalee, Rangoon, Singapore, and the Japanese Ports as well as the Japanese Port of Fremantle. It will be the first time since the war that a German man-of-war will show her flag in Australian waters.

Dr. D. MacGillivray, of Shanghai, has made an original study of the memorial stones erected by the Jews of Kaifengfu in 1489, 1512, and 1683 A.D. After much difficulty, owing to the state of war in Kaifengfu and vicinity, he has obtained rubbings of the stones. These will be on exhibition, also enlarged plans of the Synagogue, which were first sent to Rome by Father Damange in the 17th century, the originals of which are now preserved in the Vatican. For purposes of comparison there will also be a rubbing of the Nestorian Tablet.

Mr. J. C. Shenton has been appointed to be Chemist, Geological Department, F.M.S.

Mr. Myles Janasz has arrived from Ceylon to join the editorial staff of the "Malayan Daily Express."

Mr. F. J. Bryant, the doyen of the F.M.S. and S.S. Bar, who had been on a holiday in England has arrived back at Batu Gajah.

Mr. A. C. Wentworth Lewis, editor of the "Straits Times," and Mrs. Lewis, have arrived in Kuala Lumpur from Batang Malaka, and will continue their tour of Malaya.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Miss M. de Vos, journalist, of 1, Victoria View, Kowloon, to M. Rene Paul Dupuy, merchant, of the Rue Sts. Peres, Paris.

Raja Said Tauphy, O.B.E., is due back in Perak from England, and will resume duty as Chairman, Sanitary Board, Taiping, replacing Mr. J. D. M. Smith, acting Chairman, who will be leaving for Temerloh.

The steamship "Wing Ping" is to be auctioned next Tuesday by Messrs. Lammert Brothers, auctioneers. The ship has the following dimensions and capacity:—Length, 115 feet, breadth, 24 feet, gross tonnage, 501 H.P. 300. She will be sold together with her appurtenances.



Masanoo Hanahara, Ambassador to Washington when the Immigration law was before Congress, is about to be appointed Ambassador to Belgium. His use of the words "grave consequences" precipitated a minor crisis in Japanese American relations. The appointment will end a penance of three years' unemployment which Mr. Hanahara has performed for his slip.

The remains of the late Mr. Loo Lim-yok have been removed from the pavilion at Macao in which they had lain since the funeral last July to Canton for burial at White Cloud Hill on the outskirts of Canton. A large number of friends and members of the family accompanied the bier to its last resting place.

At a quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on November 3 Lord Blythwood, K.C.V.O., was unanimously re-elected Grand Master Mason for the ensuing year. Among overseas appointments made was that of Sir Malcolm Watson to be District Grand Master of the Middle East (re-appointment).

Berlin, December 1.—In an address, celebrating the 150th anniversary of the landing in America of the famous German Steuben, who took such a prominent part in the American war of independence that he was called the German Lafayette, the German Foreign Minister, Dr. Stresemann, recalled that after the war between America and England followed 150 years of peace. This fact might justify his sincere hope that all the nations who fought each other in the recent war will now also come together to collaborate again peacefully towards the realisation of their high ideals.

Among the passengers who left Hong Kong yesterday for Seattle via ports, on the a.s. "President Pierce," were:—Mr. and Mrs. D. Williams, travelling home to Europe, Mr. Williams is a railway engineer in India and is returning home with his wife on vacation. They will stop over at Kobe. Mr. Geo. H. Crane Williams, another passenger, is a prominent business man in Calcutta, returning home to Europe, and will break journey in Japan. Mr. Ralston B. Lattimore is returning home to the U.S.A. after touring Australia and the Far East, and will stop over at Shanghai. Mr. and Mrs. Ira W. Hoover, from Calcutta, are returning home to the United States. Mr. Hoover is in the architectural business in India. Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Zumbach and family are returning home to Seattle on vacation. Mr. Zumbach has been the local Agent for the Columbia Pacific R.R. Co. for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. A. Esput are leaving Kuala Lumpur en route for Home. Mr. J. P. Swettenham is acting Director of Public Works.

The death has occurred in Calcutta of Mr. Leslie Hay who, for 21 years, was head of the insurance department of James Finlay and Company, Calcutta.

Mrs. Eleanor Parker Cooper died at the McCormick Hospital, Chienngmai, on November 12. She was over 71 years of age, and had been in Siam some 37 years.

Beginning from Monday, December 19, Messrs. Lane, Crawford's establishment will remain open each day until 6 p.m., for the convenience of Christmas shoppers.

The Nationalist Government is planning the re-organisation of the troops under the former control of General Tang Shen-chi into one army and one independent division.

Mr. E. G. Bacon, pilot of the Rabenfels, has been on trial at Calcutta for alleged negligence and lack of skill in connection with the sinking of the steamer "Calcutta" in the Hooghly, on August 29.

Two Scottish V. Co.'s—Sergt. William Angus and Sergt. Thomas Caldwell, both of Carlisle, Lanarkshire—passed through London on their way to Australia to which they are emigrating in quest of remunerative work.

In the course of a conversation, General Li Nieh-chung, declared that the Hunan situation might be peacefully settled, and that the Nationalist Forces in the upper river would soon take part in the Northern campaign.

At a Chicago meeting of gangsters, the leader presided using a revolver to maintain parliamentary order instead of a gavel, a witness testified at the murder trial of Harry Lewins, charged with slaying a junk dealer.

Mr. Hake, of Messrs. Harrison and Crossfield, has been suffering from almost continuous attacks of fever for some time and has had to proceed to Hong Kong on medical certificates, records the "B.N.B. Herald." Mr. Hake is a brother of the Hon'ble Mr. H. B. Egmont Hake.

The sum realised by the sale of wreaths on Armistice Day in Selangor was \$1,446.80 this year compared with \$486 last year. Mrs. C. V. A. Esput was in charge of this part of the Poppy Day work and all the wreaths were made free of charge by the Agricultural Department.

The acting Conservator of Forests, Kedah and Negri Sembilan, and a well-known Kedah State cricketer, Mr. W. M. E. Martin, sailed for Home on leave by the "Mongolia." He will be spending part of his leave in France at the Ecole Forestiere, Nancy. Mr. Martin's place is being taken by Mr. A. B. S. Boswell.

A Lodge of the Royal Antideluvian Order of Buffaloes (G.L.E.) was consecrated in Shanghai on December 1, in the presence of a considerable number of Brethren. The new Lodge has been designated the "Wanhsein" Lodge in commemoration of the Brothers of the Order who lost their lives in the Vansien incident, and meetings will be held at William's Hotel, Szechuen Road, every Thursday evening at 8.30 p.m.

The new Bishop of Singapore (the Rt. Rev. B. C. Roberts) accompanied by Mrs. Roberts and their two children, arrived in Singapore by the "Haruna Maru" on December 4. They were met by the Ven. Archdeacon F. G. Swindell, in whose charge the diocese has been since the retirement of Rev. G. T. Shetliffe, the Rev. G. H. Douglas, Minister of the Presbyterian Church, Mr. G. F. Robson and a large gathering of church workers.

A cable has been received from the Rev. E. A. Hone, the Bishop's Commissary in England, stating that the Rev. H. J. Hutchinson, the Organising Secretary of the S.P.G. of the Diocese of Chelmsford, has accepted the Chaplaincy of Malacca, and he and Mrs. Hutchinson will sail in March. The same cable contains the news that Mr. Hone has secured the services of Mr. Bassett, a master at Hurstpierpoint College, for St. Andrew's School. He hopes to leave early in January.

London.—"A working girl buying silk stockings at 3s. 11d. a pair. It is scandalous," exclaimed Judge Crawford at the Edmonton County Court, in dismissing a draper's claim against a labourer for goods supplied to his daughter. He added: "Gloves cost 5s., shoes 20s., a hat 14s. and a coat 105s." "I feel shocked that working girls' clothes cost so much. It only shows the modern girl's tendencies." As the bill included braces, the Judge admitted it might have been for the father, but he was not so sure. He did not know what underclothes girls wear nowadays.

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Events have moved swiftly in South China during the past week, though there is little to report on the Yangtze and northern fighting and political fronts. The affair of most importance, has been the taking of Canton by the Communists, the coup being staged last week-end when there were few Ironside troops in the city. The "Reds," however, did not hold the place long, rapidly fleeing when sufficient soldiery had been collected to oppose them. During the few days of their occupation they reduced the city to a state of chaos. There was a little bloodshed, but considerable looting, and when the city was relieved by the Government troops the inhabitants in many instances were on the point of starvation.

Efforts to bring the disorders to Hong Kong were promptly frustrated by the local police, and a number of arrests were made as the Canton boats arrived here.

In addition to carrying the full story of the taking and recapture of Canton, this week's "Overland Mail" also contains an exclusive account of how "Red" agitators attempted to promote a strike among the workers of the Colony.

Local news—social, commercial, sporting, etc.—is fully dealt with in this issue of the "Overland" and a comprehensive report is given of the morphia case proceedings in the Police Court.

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SPORTS

WIN FOR OXFORD.

CAMBRIDGE BEATEN AT SOCCER.

FAST GAME IN RAIN.

Stamford Bridge, Yesterday. Oxford beat Cambridge at soccer in the rain and on a treacherous ground. The Oxonians maintained their foothold on the slippery ground better than the Cantabs and their long passes were very effective. A capital pace was maintained after 15 minutes. Valentine scored for Cambridge and five minutes later Fletcher equalised. He added the third with a stinging shot. At half-time Oxford led 2-0. Two minutes after the resumption Greenstock, Oxford's outside left, scored out a low cross-shot and two minutes later, Valentine netted for Cambridge. Then Jenkins, Lingelbach and Greenstock added goal for Oxford.—Reuter.

SCOTTISH SOCCER.

DRAW FOR FIRST ROUND OF CUP.

GAMES ON JANUARY 21.

London, Yesterday. Following is the draw for the first round of the Scottish Association Cup, to be played on January 21:—
Dumbarton v. Hamilton.
Beith v. Airdrieonians.
Raith Rovers v. Aberdeen.
Alloa v. Fraserburgh.
Vale of Leven v. Leith Amateurs.
Glasgow University v. Albion Rovers.
Bathgate v. Celtic.
Brechin v. Lochgelly.
Arthurlie v. Queen's Park.
East Stirling v. Rangers.
Clackmannan v. Third Lanark.
Hearts v. St. Johnstone.
Hibernians v. Dykehead.
Ayr United v. Boness.
Greenock Morton v. Mid Annadale.
Civil Service Strollers v. King's Park.
Armadale v. Berwick Rangers.
Cowdenbeath v. Johnstone.
Forfar v. Queen of South.
Montrose v. Stenhousemuir.
Clydebank v. Dunfermline.
Partick Thistle v. Inverness Caledonians.
Vale of Athol v. Newton Stewart.
Arbroath v. Nithsdale Wanderers.
Forres Mechanics v. Elgin City.
Stranraer v. Dundee.
Keith v. Dalbeattie Star.
Falkirk v. St. Bernard's.
St. Mirren v. Clyde.
Leith Athletic v. Kilmarnock.
Huntly v. Motherwell.
East Fife v. Dundee United.—Reuter.

HOME SOCCER.

CRYSTAL PALACE OUT OF CUP.

London, Yesterday. Swindon defeated Crystal Palace by two goals to one in the F.A. Cup competition. In the Northern Section of the Third Division Lincoln beat Durham 2-1.—Reuter.

SCOTT'S DEFEAT.

HOW KNUTE HANSEN WON.

New York. Knute Hansen bombed Phil Scott, England's heavyweight champion, into the sub-cellar of oblivion in just two minutes and twenty-five seconds of the first round of their bout in Madison Square Garden recently. Hansen, once out in front, after scoring a knockdown, was a rip snorting word beater and he floored Scott six times before he was through with him. A right-hander brought Scott down first. He got up without much of a count and thereafter was merely a chopping block for Hansen, who suddenly seemed to think he was the world's heavyweight champion. He flayed the tottering Britisher without mercy and Phil began to boom-boom on and off the floor like a great rubber ball. After the third and fourth knockdown, Scott held his groin as if to claim a foul. Dempsey Present. The fact that he kept getting up disproved his claim of low hitting. Perhaps it was the presence of the mighty Dempsey that fired Hansen's imagination and sent him tearing into the English bubble. Scott's great boxing ability must have been left at home. Certainly he displayed little of it that night. He didn't have great opportunity for fistic beauty of action for he spent most of his time going down and getting up. The last time he went down he stayed there or would have, for Lou Magnolia, the referee, saw that Phil had just about dropped another for the night. He reached down and, picking the best of the British big men up in his own powerful arms, carted him to his corner. That was all there was to it. Six Down—And Out. Six knockdowns and out. It was like one of Dempsey's own fast night's work and he was more than interested as he viewed the passing of England's best. Phil didn't show anything. He didn't have time to be the excuse. He was in there. He had the same sporting chance that Hansen had.

SPORT IN MACAO.

PORTUGUESE RACE PONY OWNERS.

FOOTBALL AND HOCKEY.

Macao, Dec. 12. The fifth extra race meeting of the Macao Race Club, which took place yesterday, was conceded by all to have been a most successful one. The Macao Race Club can truly be said to be passing out of the experimental stage and to have entered upon a firm footing. The shortcomings which were so apparent in the first few meetings have almost all disappeared, and the conduct of the last meeting of the year was conspicuous for the smooth running of the machinery and the ability of the officials and staff to handle all difficulties. The most exacting would have but little fault to find with the Macao Race Club on the results of the meeting just over. This is all the more noteworthy when it is remembered that of local talent there was none when the Race Club was established early in the year. Of the very small number who take an interest in horse racing at Macao, the requisite enthusiasm has, however, been secured and with the fatherly help of Hong Kong racing men, who have all along officiated as judges and in various other capacities, racing at Macao can well be said to have come to stay. Another point brought forward at the meeting was the addition to local horse owners of Mr. Vasconcelos. Mr. Vasconcelos is the second Portuguese to own and run a pony in Macao, the first being His Excellency the Governor, who, since the Club's initiation, has been running his pony, Veloz. This interest will surely catch on and, with the entering of the Club into the second year of its activities, there is certain to be an extended enthusiasm for horse racing and thus firmly establish the Macao Race Club as a permanent institution in this Portuguese colony.



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Other Sport. Sport in many of its forms is taking a firm hold on the people of Macao. Football is perhaps the most popular game among the young men, and some of the teams in matches with Hong Kong teams have proved themselves no mean opponents. Of late several of such matches have taken place. Hockey, too, is beginning to prove interesting, and has its votaries. In matches with Hong Kong teams, the Macao players have provided excellent opposition. There have been tennis matches played of late, some of which have been very evenly contested. There is a limited interest in boxing and such form of sport, but the interest is extending. Another sport which is beginning to take on in basket ball, and even ping pong has its exponents. In the coming month of January a big programme of sports of different forms is planned and it is believed that in most cases the opponents will be found in Hong Kong and Canton sportsmen who will be invited to Macao.—Contributed.

CARSLAKE FOR S. AFRICA.

Bernard Carslake is shortly leaving for South Africa, where he will ride Cross Bow in the Christmas Handicap at Johannesburg. Cross Bow, by Gay Crusader—Popinjay, was owned by Lord Astor and trained by A. Taylor at Manton. He ran unplaced in Manna's Derby, and was successful in several other races, including the Royal Hunt Cup at Ascot.

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THE CHRISTIE CASE.

Defendants Under Cross Examination.

SOME NEW LETTERS.

Christie Says Why Haynes Lodged His Information.

Yesterday Mr. R. E. Lindell sat until nearly six o'clock in an attempt to finish the alleged morphine deal case against James Christie and Christopher Blumh but eventually had to adjourn until 11.30 on Saturday morning.

Mr. King continued Christie's cross-examination and asked how much money he had put in Blumh's oil business, and received the reply that Christie had put in \$1,300. That was in Swatow some time about the end of September or beginning of October. The money was handed to Blumh in cash, and he (Christie) did not get a receipt for the money. There was also no partnership agreement drawn up. They had a verbal understanding.

Replying to other questions, Christie said he did not know how much money Mali Khan put in the business, or if Mali Khan had an agreement with Blumh. Blumh has no banking account in Hong Kong but Christie believed he had one in Swatow. When he said that he acted on behalf of Blumh in the oil conversations he (Christie) was acting as a partner for anything placed by himself.

Nathan Road Office.

Asked when they began to use the office at No. 480, Nathan Road, Christie said that it was about the 1st or 2nd of November, but he was not sure. He did not have any signboard at that address. The only sign was a Chinese sign, but there was nothing to indicate the oil business, as that business had not yet been established. The office was used by the courtesy of Karim Din (Mr. Kay) to whom Christie was introduced by Blumh on his return from Macao. He did not pay any rent.

Why couldn't you carry on that business temporarily either at Victoria Gardens or at Mali Khan's address of business?—At Mali Khan's coffee shop, soldiers were coming in and going out continuously. No. 5 Victoria Gardens was a residence where we were living, and could not very well be used for business.

Did you have Mali Khan's permission to use his address of "Khan Sahib"?—Absolutely. In fact I got money by means of a letter registered at this address, from his manager, Karim Chand.

Proceeding to answer other questions put by Mr. King, Christie said he did not know if Karim Chand had any money in the business. He (Christie) was in Macao about October 21 and stayed at the Boa Vista Hotel.

Returned Letters.

Mr. King produced a letter addressed to the Macao Hotel, and returned through the Dead Letter Office, and Christie said that he would accept that the letter was addressed to him. He recognised the writing as Blumh's. The signature was "Sonsky" and the letter dated October 21.

Mr. King referred to two other letters which had come through the Dead Letter Office and forwarded to him by the Postmaster, and Christie pointed out that none of the three letters ever reached him.

Asked who the "Fat Nigger" referred to in the second letter was, Christie replied that he had not the slightest idea. To Mr. King's suggestion that it referred to Khan Sahib Mali Khan, Christie said that he did not understand the reference as relating to Mali Khan, because he did not meet Mali Khan until after his return from Macao.

From Wacker.

Another letter which was addressed to Victoria Gardens, from Swatow and bore Blumh's name on the outside, with a cover addressed to him (Christie) the defendant said was from a man named Wacker. A passage from this letter said by Mr. King expressed the writer's surprise when he heard from a certain woman that Christie was in Hong Kong when he was supposed to have been down South, and concluded "By a small thing like this one gets into a hole without knowing it."

Mr. King then asked why it was if the oil business was Blumh's Christie should receive the \$300 from Au Yeung instead of Blumh. Christie replied that he was going to stay in Hong Kong to complete the deal for Blumh who was to go to Shanghai to try and get better prices. As Blumh wanted to fix undercurrent prices, it was not more expeditious to make arrangements by cable. The buyer had to pay Blumh's expenses because he insisted on getting samples.

A Big Deal.

With regard to the \$100,000 deposit receipt, Christie said he produced it to both Haynes and the Chinese to show them that he was after a big deal with the Chinese Government, and did not want to waste time over trivialities.

After further questions, Mr. King said to witness: Your position is then that when the first witness, the Chinese, comes here and tells a long story of morphine, it is a tissue of lies?—It is a tissue of misunderstanding. That Chinese never spoke two words to me.

Mr. Lindell: You heard the Chinese give evidence in perfect English. Do you allege that he told a deliberate lie?—I say that is so. I would call a spade a spade, and if I was dealing in morphine I would say so. Instead of saying, "Do you want morphine?" I would have used the word "morphine."

Christie added that there was no mention of kilos during the discussion. He said that the conversation with the Chinese buyer was through a man named Karim Din and was passed on to him later.

Not the Truth. Mr. King:—Can you suggest any reason why the first or second witness should come here and say you talked about morphine?—I cannot suggest anything about the first, but I can suggest a good deal of the second witness, Haynes. I say that there is not one word that Haynes spoke in this box that is the truth!

The statement of the two witnesses were practically identical, therefore, the evidence of the first witness cannot be true?—It cannot be true.

Re-examined by Mr. Gordon Leask, Christie said with regard to the episode on the Japanese ship which brought him to Hong Kong, that he did not tell the detective who searched his luggage "I am too old a hand to carry anything incriminating about me."

Christie said: I was told by the detective that he was looking for spare parts of a machine gun and I replied I was not a pedlar and did not carry these things on me in my dealings with the Chinese Government.

Karim Chand.

Regarding the witness's introduction to Karim Chand at the end of September, Christie described how they came across Karim Chand at the door of the Bombay Cafe. They had a conversation together and Chand talked to Blumh very effusively and later promised to introduce a wealthy man. Christie understood that that meant Khan Sahib Mali Khan.

Mr. Leask: With regard to the Sonsky letters which you had not seen before, how could you understand the reference to the "fat nigger"? What gave you the clue?—Some mention is made in the letter of decorations. I remember Mali Khan showing me the decorations he received from the Viceroy of India.

Mr. Lindell: What motive would you suggest for the Chinese and Haynes to come here and tell lies against you?

Christie: Nothing against the first witness but in Haynes' case, it is spite. I would not allow him to go in on the arms deal with the Chinese Government. I told him he was a schoolmaster and did not understand about Chinese Government officials at all.

Mr. Lindell: You mean that Haynes bore you such spite for these two matters that he is willing to come into the court and get you into gaol?—Yes.

Manager's Evidence.

Karim Chand, manager of the Bombay Bay explained that he knew Blumh in Hankow in 1925 when Blumh had an import and export business in the French Concession. He then spoke as to how he saw Blumh walking outside the cafe and called to him. Christie was with Blumh and witness was introduced to him. Blumh told the witness that he came to Hong Kong to deal in oil.

Khan Sahib Mali Khan was, introduced to the accused when they came to the cafe the following morning, and after a chat Mali Khan instructed the witness to do business with the accused.

According to the witness's memory he had twice paid Blumh \$10 for sending cables to Shanghai relating to the oil deal, whilst the Bombay Cafe's books showed a further payment of \$30 made to Christie. The witness understood from Mali Khan that the latter would arrange a deposit for \$4,000 against a shipment of 5,000 cases of oil, but could not say if this was done.

Blumh in the Box.

Blumh then went into the witness box. He said that he was a commission merchant dealing principally in oil. He had been with the Latvian consulate in Shanghai in 1922 and left of his own accord. He produced a certificate to show that he was well thought of at the consulate. He proceeded to America in 1923 and joined Macdonald and Hillie, who dealt in oil and was appointed Manager of that Company in Japan. In that capacity he had frequently to travel up and down the China Coast and frequently went to Hankow. Four years ago, he met Christie but did no business with him. In 1925 he left the American firm and started on his own in Hankow. He did fairly well until the Reds came to the city and he had to leave. That was in February, 1926.

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After leaving Hankow, Blumh proceeded to Shanghai where he met a Chinese named Zir, who offered him work in the lubricating department of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., in South China. He accepted the post and went to Canton with a letter of introduction to a Mr. Thatcher. He was offered an anti-opium medicine agency, which he also accepted.

While in Canton, he wrote to Christie in Swatow with a view to sounding business conditions there. Christie replied that he would be coming to Hong Kong and witness came here to meet him. Later they lived together in Victoria View.

Witness proceeding said he knew Karim Chand the manager of the Bombay Cafe. He also knew Mali Khan through the manager.

Business Dealings. Regarding business negotiation with Mali Khan, witness said that Mali Khan promised to put \$10,000 into the oil business, which interested him. Christie was told of the oil business and of the interest Mali Khan has shown. While they were negotiating a purchase from Shanghai, Blumh learned that the price of oil, kerosene in this case, had dropped materially and he told Mali Khan to defer the deposit which the latter intended to place in the Hong Kong Bank against the purchase of oil. Mali Khan at one stage of the negotiations offered to put in \$20,000 if they could get Chinese interested in the oil, which was "Long Life" brand.

Witness in answer to further questions said that he first met Haynes at the St. George's Hotel on November 8. He went with Christie and there was a man with Haynes at the time. This man (Sergeant Baker) left and Haynes and Christie spoke for some time about a mining Company in London and witness added they spoke "a strange dialect which I could not understand and I could see that Haynes was laughing all the time."

Italian Pedlar.

Witness said that the story told by Haynes in the witness box regarding the production by Christie of a telegram alleged to read "Overstock M.540 Hong Kong," was a lie. Blumh said he paid a second visit to St. George's House a few days later. He was taking a letter from Christie to Haynes. Haynes was not in, but as witness was turning to go, Haynes came in and took witness back to the room.

Before talking business Haynes took two drinks of whisky. Eventually witness handed Haynes the message saying that the reply could be given to witness to bring back to Christie. Further conversation was interrupted by an Italian pedlar, who came into Haynes' room and refused to leave, demanding a sum of money, which witness supposed was owing to the pedlar by Haynes. "I sat there for ten minutes, but the Italian pedlar would not go out and insisted on his money, so Haynes opened his wardrobe and said 'Here's my clothes—I can't pay you now.'"

About Oil.

Mr. Gordon Leask: Haynes said that you carefully inspected his volunteer rifle and asked questions about it?—It is not true. Have you heard Haynes using the name of Remington?—Never. Blumh proceeded to describe the first interview between Christie, Haynes and the Chinese and said that Karim Din did most of the talking. The conversations witness understood was wholly about oil. The subsequent visits of Haynes to Christie's offices were referred to by Mr. Gordon Leask and Blumh stated that for Haynes' trouble in the oil deals, he would be given five cents commission for every case sold. Witness described Haynes as being very glad to get this and stated that Haynes said to Christie "For God's Sake, Jim, try and get the goods, I need the money very badly."

Haynes, in the conversations, indicated that he wanted an early delivery and after a lot of haggling about the expenses, agreed to get his Chinese buyer to pay \$300. Witness said that when the money was about to be handed over, Haynes dictated the receipt which Christie wrote down, Haynes typing it later.

With regard to Mali Khan, witness said that the business went so far that they were about to draw up and sign a proper agreement and for this purpose witness had drafted an agreement. The drop in the price of oil was the reason why the agreement was not signed.

"Sonsky" and "Popsky."

Mr. Leask then asked witness about the letters signed by Sonsky. Witness said that that was just a joke. At home Christie used to call himself "papa" or "Popsky" and Blumh usually employed the designation of "Sonsky."

Asked who he meant when he referred to the "Fat Nigger" in his letters to Christie, Blumh said that he was referring to Khan Sahib Mali Khan. He (Blumh) was annoyed that day after day he could not put through this business, and because Mali Khan did not put in the money he promised.

Called on Haynes.

Cross-examined by Mr. King, Blumh said that he understood that Thatcher was representing an American firm of manufacturers in Shanghai. Witness had not met Thatcher before but felt certain of his existence as he had a letter of introduction from a responsible member of Jardine's. He had also received letters, cables and quotations from Thatcher.

Replying to further questions, witness said that he had not as yet arranged about the matter of commission with Thatcher but in normal times, he said he could get 15 to 20 cents commission of each case he sold.

Regarding Christie, witness said that he (Christie) had invested \$400 into the oil business. The money was not paid in lump sum, but part in Swatow, part in Hong Kong and some in Canton, where a number of witness's bills had to be met. The Indian Mali Khan had not invested any money in the oil business beyond paying for a few telegrams.

Mr. King referred witness to the occasion when witness and Christie called on Haynes and found a stranger in the room. Mr. King asked if Christie made any reference to the stranger on their way back to Kowloon. Witness replied that Christie spoke of Haynes most of the time, but did not say anything about the stranger being a police officer.

Mr. King: He didn't tell you to beware of him?—There was no reason.

Plums for Picking.

About your letter to Christie, what do you mean by writing "I can say that the fat nigger is good for plum pudding and not for business"?—I meant that he was not businesslike. Do you mean that he was like a plum pudding from which you could extract plums?—No. Witness in answer to another question said that he had not put through any oil business in Hong Kong and had no sample of the oil he intended to sell for Thatcher. At this stage the hearing was adjourned until Saturday morning at 11.30.

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Raymonde is successful in getting some of her black-and-white work accepted by the Salon of the Beaux Arts and she has two or three quite innocuous love affairs; but it is not until she meets William Arnold, a young English artist, that her heart is really touched. The two decide to get married, pool their small resources and start an etching class. "William," says Raymonde, "could teach real etching. I would teach colour-work. Why life was as simple as anything." But the situation became complex with the arrival on the scene of Raymonde's father, who discovers his daughter and her intended busily engaged in making sketches from the nude. "Good God, girl!" exclaims the horrified Mr. Carpenter. "Mon Dieu, monsieur," cried the model. "She caught up her clothes, for a model may be quite as shy of being seen by the uninitiated as in any Susanah. In her haste she missed her under garments, tangled her combinations hopelessly, and finally swore at her father. 'Fiche le camp, vieux satyre,' she snapped. 'Shut the door, at least. Would you have me exhibit myself to the whole corridor?'" Further complications ensue, notably the intrusion of another art student, who is an ether maniac, wearing a skull-decorated overall; and ultimately Mr. Carpenter refuses to have any further dealings with the inmates of what he is pleased to consider a madhouse, renounces his daughter, and returns to England. All of which, however, makes no difference at all to the arrangements already made by the happy pair. A cheerful, inconsequent book, full of shrewd observations of life, and containing a very serviceable philosophy in the fine art of living.

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ODD NOTES.

Mr. Arnold Bennett has now become associate editor of "The World To-day" and is to write a causerie on "Men and Events" for that periodical.

Sir Arthur Yapp, Director of Food Economy towards the end of the War, and now National Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., has written his reminiscences. Under the title, "In the Service of Youth," they are to be put out by Messrs. Nisbet.

Lord Shaw of Dunfermline, who has been holidaying at Craigmyre, his Aberdeenshire estate, has written a sequel to his "Letters to Isabel," entitled "The Other Bundle." The "Isabel" is his daughter, Mrs. R. H. Vaughan Thompson, whose husband was killed in the War.

Besides being one of the best-known of modern Swiss novelists, Mr. John Knittel, who has been visiting London, is also the Swiss golf champion and an expert sheep-farmer.

To Tit-Bits Mr. George Bernard Shaw contributes a sparkling article—"If I Were a Clerk Again." He recalls the days before he had "pulled off the Great Man Stunt," and in characteristic fashion passes to a vivid discussion of Trusts and Trade Unionism.

A book of reminiscences that promises well is "The Tramps of a Scamp," by Edward Michael, a well-known figure in Bohemian circles, who, in his time, has engineered a revolution in South America, acted as manager to Mrs. Langtry, and founded a London daily paper!

In his book, "From the Middle Temple to the South Seas," which is being published by Mr. John Murray, Mr. Justice Alexander writes of District Commissioner Bell, the news of whose murder in the Solomon Islands was recently reported.

Mr. J. W. N. Sullivan, whose "Beethoven" has just been published by Jonathan Cape, is a mathematician and a brilliant writer on scientific subjects. He is one of the shyest of literary men.

A nice compliment is paid to Britain in a recent issue of a well-known German literary paper, "Die Literarische Welt," which observes: "It is astonishing what a number of really competent German translators England possesses considering the proverbial inaptitude of the English for foreign languages."

Christine Jope-Slade, whose new novel, "The Madonna of the Clutching Hands," was recently published, is the wife of Mr. Leslie Clark, a well-known figure in Fleet Street. She has just left home for a tour in the United States.

Mr. J. A. Spender, whose recollections were recently published, is at present on a three months' visit to the United States.

Miss Sylvia Thompson, the author of "The Hounds of Spring," has written a new novel entitled "The Battle of the Horizons," and is at work on a play. Her husband is Mr. Peter Lulling, the etcher and wood-cutter.

A publisher's circular states that the author of a book just published "is a descendant of Keats." This is the first we have heard of the poet's marriage.

From "Putnam Book News"—Mother (to child who has asked permission to read a book): "Not this one, darling, it's too old for you. In another six years, perhaps." Daughter: "But, mummy, that will make it older still."

BOOTH TARKINGTON.

BATTLES FURIOUSLY AGAINST TIME.

Booth Tarkington is threatened with the loss of his sight.

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Sufferer 20 Years.

A sufferer from eye troubles for twenty years, Mr. Tarkington is now threatened with the loss of one eye, it was learned. Unless the strain on the other is removed immediately he may become blind.

The difficulties with his sight date back to college days, when, at Princeton, Tarkington formed the Balzacian habit of writing every night until dawn, using up one lead pencil after another.

In spite of the strain on his eyes Tarkington has steadily refused to use a typewriter or dictate to a stenographer. Like James Joyce in his Paris exile, he wrote the more intensely as his vision became more disturbed, sticking to his pen. When last heard from Joyce, partly blind, was still at work doing a very little writing in very large characters.

Typewriter is "Mystery."

Tarkington has revealed his own method of work in a letter to a friend: "I live in bathrobes.... I have a pencil machine and sharpen about three dozen pencils every night; write on a draftsman's drawing board, tilted, a card table at my elbow." He describes the typewriter as "a mystery to me." Tarkington has won almost all the public honours possible to a man of letters, including the Pulitzer Prize on two different occasions—in 1919 for "The Magnificent Ambersons," and in 1922 for "Alice Adams."

His novels include the famous Walleauque "Monsieur Beaucaire," "The Gentleman from Indiana," "The Turmoil," "The Midlander," and "Gentle Julia." He immortalised the American boy in the "Penrod" and "Seventeen" collections of short stories. Numbered among his plays are "Clarence," "The Man from Home," in collaboration with Harry Leon Wilson, and "Poldark," a satire on Bolshevism which dropped into quick oblivion.

Prefers Indianapolis.

He prefers Indianapolis to New York as a home because there he can sit down at his club with merchants and doctors, while here he would have to "train with" writers and actors. All suggestion of the "literary" is abhorrent to him; he insists on "getting rid of the ink."

He dislikes conscious plot as well as conscious style. "The characters make their own plot—all the plot there could be," he wrote in a letter. "Hardy, Meredith, Daudet and Maupassant weren't inventive of plot."

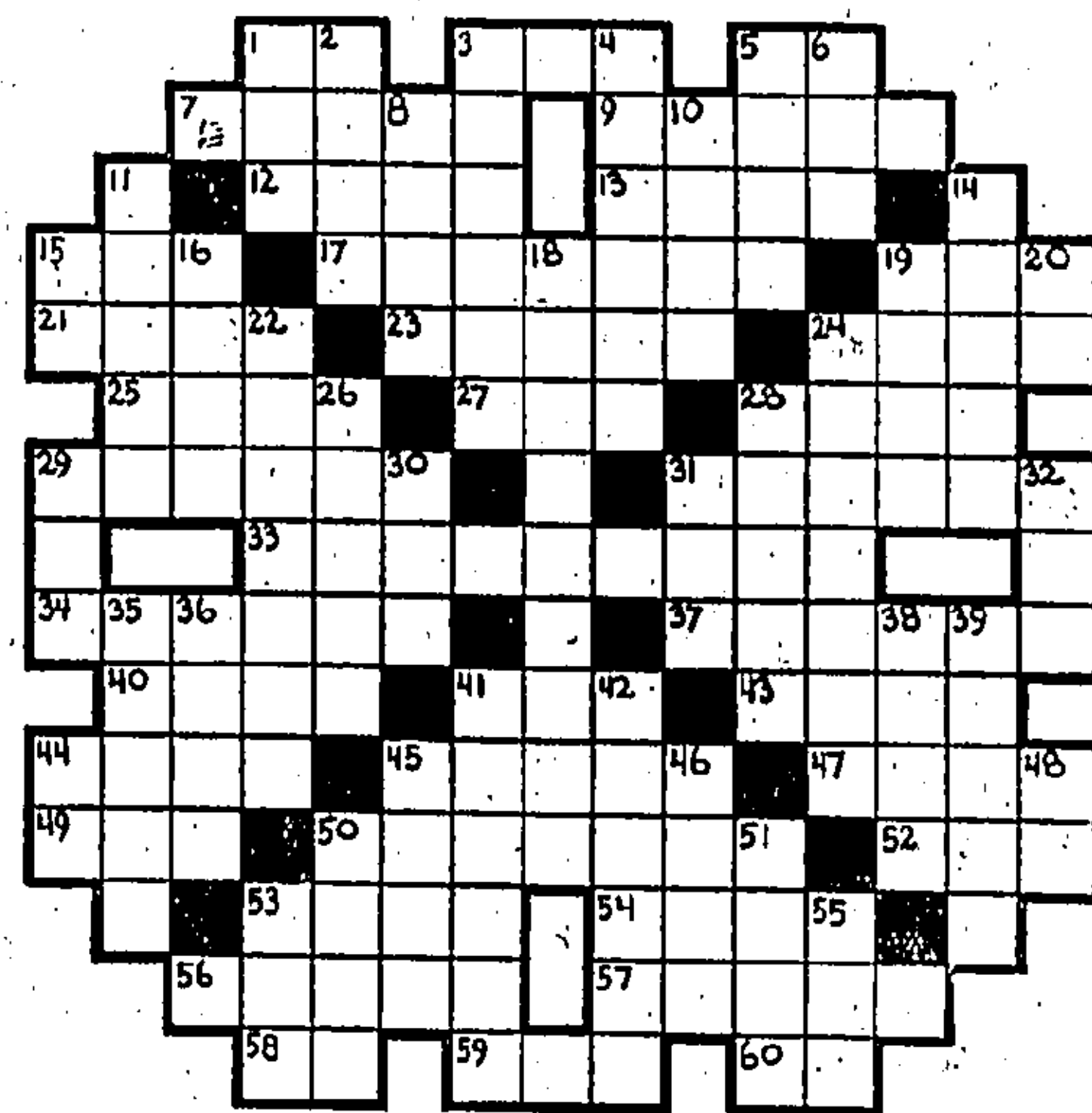
In 1920 Mr. Tarkington was elected to membership in the American Academy of Arts and Letters, limited to fifty. In polls taken to select the most representative or significant American authors by the Outlook, Publishers Weekly and other publications, his name appeared on every list and headed many of them. For many years he was Vice-President of the Authors' League. And once upon a time he was in the Indiana Legislature.

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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 1-N. Can. State (abbr.)
- 3-A sailor
- 5-Street (abbr.)
- 7-N. E. State
- 9-One who performs
- 12-Past participle of verb "to be"
- 13-To supplicate
- 15-Work out laboriously
- 17-One who steps
- 19-A close friend
- 21-From what are metals obtained?
- 23-To throw irregularly
- 24-Depend
- 25-To the inside of
- 27-Turf
- 28-Leading male character in a play
- 29-Changes
- 31-Somewhat ill
- 33-Bolterously
- 34-Resists boldly
- 37-Skids
- 40-To rotate onward
- 41-To take a seat
- 43-Pug
- 44-Precisely right

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 45-To impale
- 47-Talks incessantly
- 49-Possessive pronoun
- 50-A musical instrument
- 52-A constellation
- 53-To invade with violence
- 54-Approach
- 55-A river in France
- 57-To attempt
- 58-Doctor of Divinity (abbr.)
- 59-A measure of length
- 60-A southern State (abbr.)

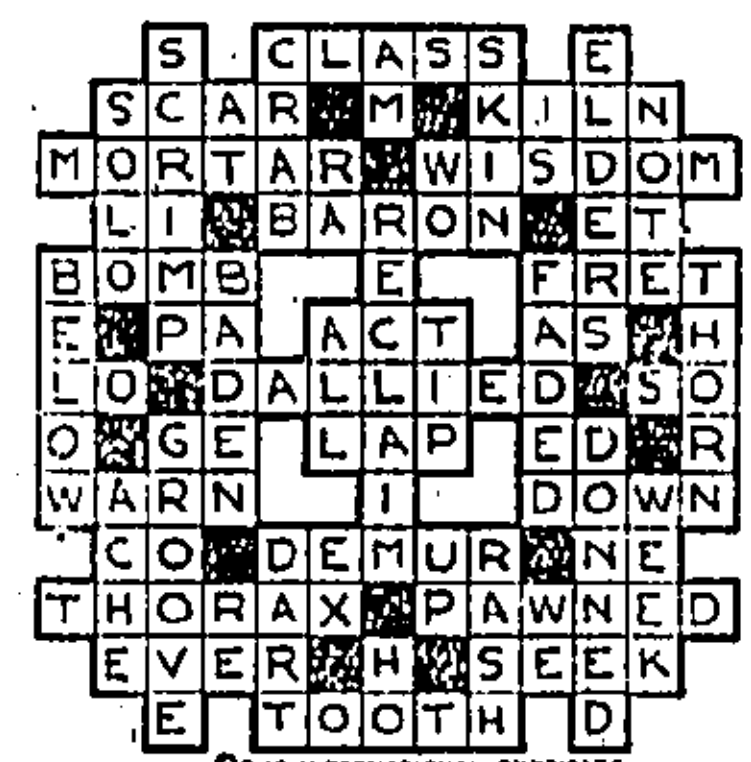
VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 15-Departed (abbr.)
- 18-The act of advancing
- 19-Prefix, meaning around
- 20-Suffix, meaning like
- 22-Unfruitful
- 24-Depending
- 26-A bay window
- 28-Elevations of earth
- 29-Help
- 30-Distress signal
- 31-A donkey
- 32-A vapor
- 35-Slind
- 36-A numeral
- 38-Double
- 39-Flowed back
- 41-An insect
- 42-Put in tins
- 43-Suffix forming abstract nouns
- 45-To weave
- 46-Dregs
- 48-In this manner
- 50-Spoke
- 51-A chore
- 53-A color
- 55-Beam of light

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
 Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will give you a clue to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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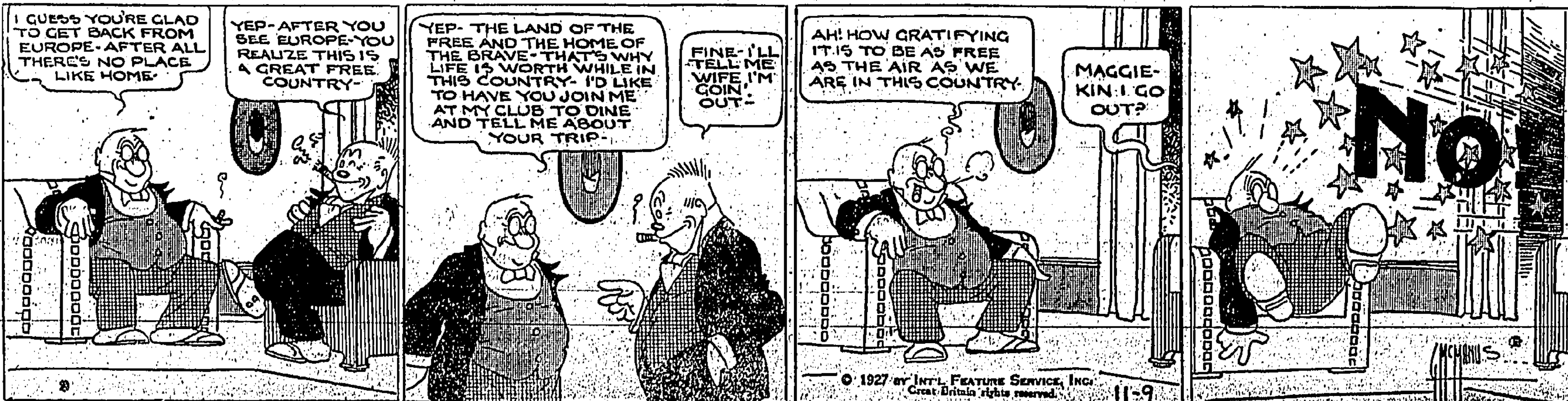
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SERVICES' CONCERTS.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE WOUND UP.

Y.M.C.A. WORK REVIEWED.

The Y.M.C.A. Entertainment Committee which sponsored the various concerts for the Service men when the additional troops of the Shanghai Defence Force were stationed in the Colony was wound up at a meeting in Jardine, Matheson and Co.'s Board room yesterday when a report on the work accomplished was made and those responsible for the direction of the entertainments were thanked.

Mr. J. H. Hunt, Secretary of the European Y.M.C.A., presided and reviewed the activities briefly, indicating that forty-five concerts had been held and passing on the thanks of the Y.M.C.A. Directors for the Committee's great interest and help in providing entertainment for the troops.

A more detailed report was read by Mr. R. Sutherland, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee who referred to the formation of a Committee in March and its extension later to a membership of thirty, representative of all sections of the community.

Response of Residents.

Mr. Sutherland referred to the excellent response of residents to circulars sent out appealing for help in giving items at such concerts. In response to the first appeal, a hundred ladies and gentlemen indicated their willingness to take part in such concerts as called upon.

The concerts at the various centres were referred to, the number of which under the direct auspices of the Committee being fifty-four during the period from the end of March to October 17. The work had been greater even than anticipated and the Committee was unable to assist, except in a small way, at the daily concerts at the "Cheer 'O' depot, although assistance was rendered to the ladies in charge when they called for it. The work of the Committee had also been lightened by the energy and interest of various ladies and gentlemen who formed troops of entertainers such as "The Squeakers," organised by Mrs. Russell Brown, "The J-Pans" by Miss V. Capell, "The Revellers" by Messrs. Tolan and Fleming and also Miss O'Keefe's troop of dancers. These parties undertook complete entertainments for a night and performed most valuable work. Members of both the Naval and Military Services were ever ready to contribute items to the programmes which were much appreciated.

Valuable assistance was also given by the band of the 1st Bn. The Cameronians, The Lyric Orchestra, The Ubique Orchestra under the management of Mr. Donnithorne, by the bands of the Northamptonshire Regiment, the 2nd Bn. King's Own Scottish Borderers and orchestras of ships of H. M. Navy.

City Hall Concerts. Mr. Sutherland referred to the growth of the work and the formation of a Sub-Committee for the organisation of concerts at the City Hall in connection with Mrs. Costen and Mrs. Younghusband had rendered invaluable help. The

formation of a Mobile Concert party for outlying encampments had also helped greatly in coping with the ever increasing demands made upon the entertainers.

In conclusion, Mr. Sutherland thanked individually those who had given up such a great deal of their time in the organisation of the concerts, referring to the work of Mr. T. V. Harmon, Mr. J. H. Hunt, the members of the community who had so generously responded and the City Hall Committee for hiring the Hall on such reasonable terms.

Thanks From Military.

In returning thanks on behalf of the military community, Col. Russell Brown expressed regret that General Luard was unable to be present and referred to the invaluable work of the Committee in providing relaxation for the large numbers of troops which were so suddenly stationed here. The exemplary conduct and healthy condition of the troops was in large measure due to these concerts and other provisions for the Service men arranged by the Y.M.C.A. Such work had done wonders. The men felt that Hong Kong was quite a popular station for troops to go to and assure them that a warm welcome awaited them from the residents.

Mr. P. S. Cassidy, on behalf of the directors of the Y.M.C.A., said it was gratifying to hear that the efforts of the Committee had been appreciated.

Mr. J. L. Macpherson stressed the fact that entertainments for the troops were still being continued at the Cheer O centre and that part of the Kowloon building was also set aside for the use of servicemen.

It was also mentioned that another City Hall concert to be given on December 25 is being arranged by Mrs. P. Younghusband when another crowded audience is expected.

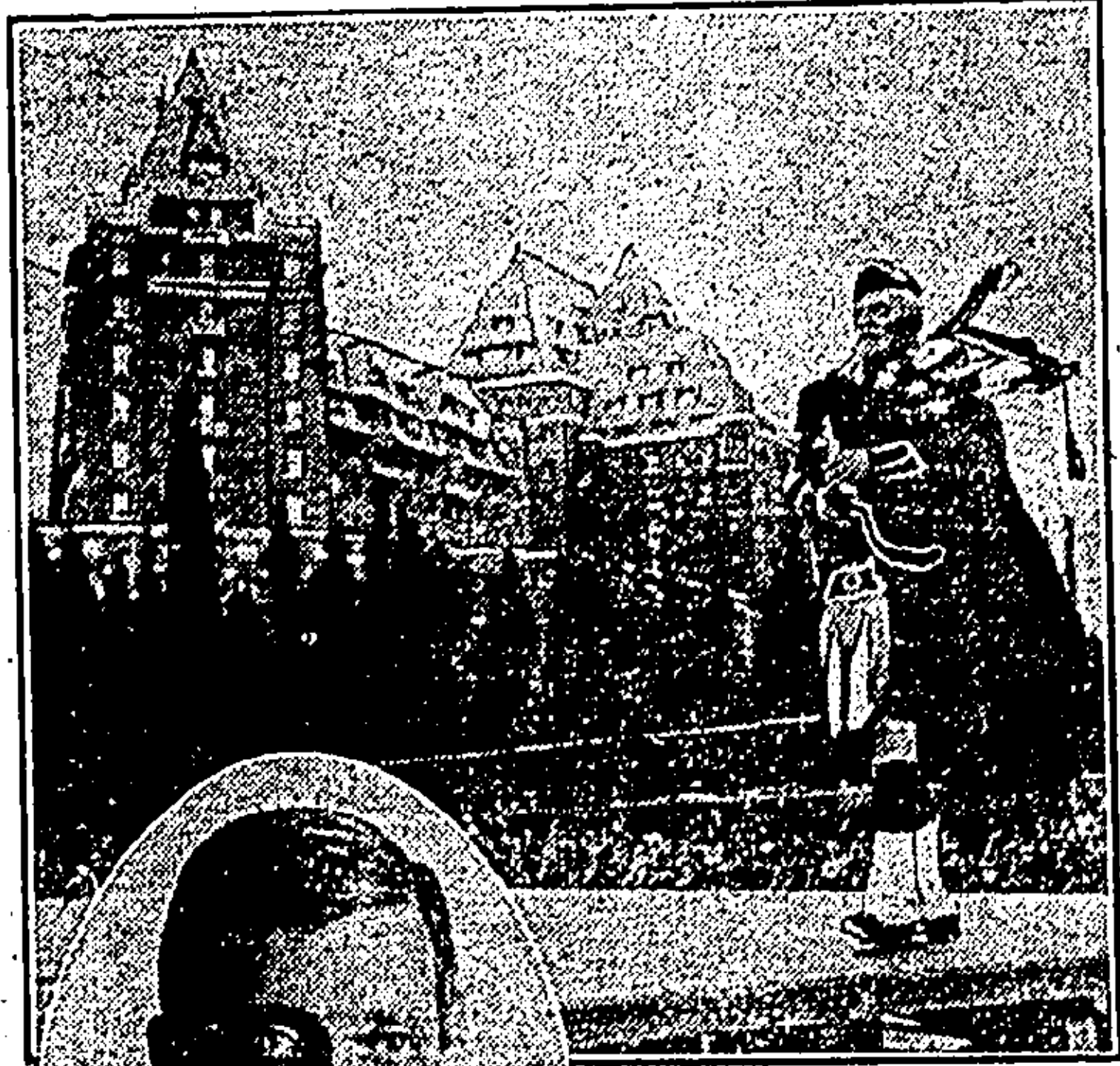
Wireless Concerts.

In conclusion, Mr. Sutherland referred to the difficulties encountered in connection with the scheme to provide wireless broadcast concerts with a view to affording entertainment particularly to scattered units in outlying districts. One of the most essential fittings of the transmitter could not be obtained for a very considerable period and the incessant hot weather prevailing all summer made experimental work practically impossible. The transmitter had now been successfully adjusted owing to the kindness of a local gentleman and, as another site to that originally chosen had been considered desirable it had now been installed on the roof of the Lee Theatre. Successful tests had been made on Monday evening and it was hoped by next week to have a transmitter capable of a range of between seventy and eighty miles around Hong Kong.

The views of an expert very very much with the side by which he is called.—Mr. Justice McCardie.

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Scene during the Piping Contest—Banff Springs Hotel in the background. Inset—Harold E. Key, appointed musical director of the C.P.R.



So great was the interest in the French-Canadian Folk Song Festival at Quebec and in the Scottish Music Festival and Highland Gathering at Banff, that the Canadian Pacific has decided to repeat both these Festivals next year, with the prospect of establishing them as annual gatherings. The Folk-music competition announced for next year's Festival at Quebec has resulted in requests from composers all over the world for particulars, with the result that French-Canadian melodies are being studied by a great number of composers.

As a further evidence of its desire to promote an interest in folk-song and its associated music, the Canadian Pacific has decided to organize two additional Festivals for 1928. One of these will be a New Canadian and Handicraft Festival at Winnipeg, in which immigrant races from northern Europe will be invited to demonstrate the national music of the countries from which they came to western Canada and to display specimens of the handicrafts at which they are so skilled. The summer solstice is associated with folk-festivals of nearly every European race and on account of that June has been selected as the most appropriate time for this gathering. The other Festival will be devoted to Sea music and will take place at Vancouver in the early fall. Vancouver is a world port, notable for the variety of its sea-craft with many old seamen familiar with sea chanteys. Other Festivals at other suitable points are also being planned by the Canadian Pacific, which has appointed Harold Eustace Key, conductor of the Mendelssohn Choir of Montreal, as Musical Director of these Festivals. Mr. Key will also have supervision of music at Canadian Pacific Hotels. Mr. Key has made a reputation in Canada as Conductor, Composer, Lecturer and Organizer and is an authority on choral music and singing. Educated at Pollington College, London, the City of London School, and the Guildhall School of Music, he came to Canada after the war, having served in the Forces. Since 1922 he has been organist of Emmanuel Church, Montreal. In 1923, Mr. Key founded the Mendelssohn Choir and brought it to the highest state of efficiency.

THE VOLUNTEERS.

SEASON'S CAMPING ARRANGEMENTS.

LATEST ORDERS.

The following orders have been issued by Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Administrative Commandant:—

Annual Camp.

Full particulars regarding the annual camp which takes place between December 1 and December 18 have been issued to all ranks on November 18 by type written circular.

Men can proceed to Camp the evening of the day before, i.e., on Friday evening, December 16, 1927.

O.C. Companies will report to the Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C., as soon as possible any alteration in numbers of all ranks attending camp, stating meals required, so that rations can be arranged.

Those wishing to have their baggage sent to the camp at Fanling must deliver it, clearly labelled with owners' names at Corps Headquarters by 5 p.m. on Thursday, December 15.

Pay Lists.

Camp Pay Lists will be exposed in Corps Headquarters from Monday evening, December 19. All ranks should note the amount of pay with which they are credited. Any comments as to accuracy of pay must be addressed to Orderly Room by Wednesday, December 21, 1927.

Company Commanders will check their pay lists at Corps Headquarters on Monday evening, December 19.

Corps Signals.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, December 19, and Thursday, December 22, for Signal Instruction.

Parade at Miniature Range at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 21. All rank who have not had their Standard Test Cards initialled must attend.

Artillery Corps.

Lecture at Corps Headquarters on Thursday, December 22, by Lieut. F. M. V. May, R.A.F., at 6.30 p.m. on Aeroplanes Co-operation with Heavy Artillery. All ranks of the Corps are invited to be present.

Parades.

No parades will be held at Corps Headquarters from Saturday, December 24, 1927, to Tuesday, January 3, 1928, inclusive.

Sergeants' Mess Meeting.

There will be a Sergeants' Mess Meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, December 22. All members will please attend.

Strength.

The following recruit is taken on the strength on December 8, 1927, and posted to the Artillery Company:—No. 1285 Gnr. A. Laughton, Reversion.

No. 768 L/Cpl. G. B. Slipper, Armoured Car Company, reverts to the ranks at his own request, as from December 15.

Transfer.

No. 768 Pte. G. B. Slipper is transferred from the Armoured Car Company to the Corps Signals, as from December 15, 1927.

Leave.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:—No. 439 Pte. G. R. Maskell, No. 5 Platoon, from December 11, 1927, to November 10, 1928.

No. 1173 Pte. M. G. Mills, A.C. Co., from December 10 to 12, 1927.

No. 968 L/Cpl. J. K. Bousfield, A.S.C. Cadre, from December 7, 1927, until returning to the Colony.

Struck Off.

Having left the Colony, as from December 2, 1927:—No. 1029 Pte. R. A. Jardine, M.I. Company.

Having purchased discharge, as from December 1, 1927:—No. 745 Pte. D. S. Green, No. 2 Platoon.

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BOMBAY'S WELCOME.

King of Afghanistan Arrives.

COSMOPOLITAN CROWDS.

Ruler Met At "Gateway Of India" By Governor.

Bombay, Yesterday. Salutes boomed in the harbour to welcome Amanulla, King of Afghanistan, whose arrival by sea from Karachi was greeted by Sir Leslie Wilson in the absence of the Viceroy through Malabar. Amanulla presented a distinguished company and passed the city gateway through the gaily belaguered streets thronged with immense crowds representing all communities, a sprinkling of Afghans bearing a black silver flag enhancing the picturesqueness of the scene.

Amanulla and his queen, accompanied by Sir L. Wilson and Lady Irwin, then drove to Government House. The four mile route was packed with a cheering and cosmopolitan crowd, whose applause the King repeatedly stood up to acknowledge.

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Official Banquet.

Bombay, Yesterday. The royal brooding Indian night was transfigured into a fairland on the occasion of the Government House banquet in honour of the King of Afghanistan. The gardens at the summit of Malabar Hill were glittering in thousands of coloured lights and the ballroom, in gold and white, was thronged by 140 distinguished guests, including bejewelled Indian chiefs.

The Viceroy, who is suffering from malaria, had a speech read welcoming the King, who, deploring in Persian, concluded by wishing the continuance of happy Anglo-Afghan relations.—Reuter.

HELP FROM OUTSIDE.

China And the Foreign Powers.

U.S. TRIBUTE TO BRITAIN.

Co-Operation Would Be Welcomed, Says Sir F. Whyte.

New York, Yesterday. China having (at least temporarily) spurned Russian influence in her internal affairs, would now welcome help from America and Great Britain, declared Sir Frederic Whyte, head of the British delegation to the Honolulu conference, who was banqueted by the Institute of Pacific Relations.

The Banker, Mr. Thomas Lamont, who has returned from the East after an endeavour to arrange a Manchurian railway loan, presiding, said those who were in direct contact with the Chinese believed their sobriety, commonsense and intelligence would finally bring them out of the welter of civil war and banditry. He took no stock of the outcry against foreigners. The British, who for decades had poured their money into China for the benefit of the community in face of the destruction of their properties for fear of wounding Chinese susceptibilities.

He concluded: "If only our friends the Chinese could compose their differences to the point of jointly inviting the amicable co-operation of foreign interests of Americans, British and Japanese and sinking their national interests, they would go a long way in their earnest endeavour to serve the common cause."—Reuter's American Service.

LEGION DESERTER.

CARDIFF MAN RECEIVES PARDON.

A GRACEFUL ACT.

London, Yesterday. Replying to questions about the case of John Harvey, a native of Cardiff, who was serving sentence of eight years penal servitude in France for deserting from the Foreign Legion, Comdr. Locker-Lampson, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs said: "I am happy to be able to say that the French Government, as soon as the matter was brought to their notice, have given orders for the immediate release of Harvey. I am sure the House will much appreciate this graceful and generous act of the French Government."—British Wireless Service.

TO BE IMPEACHED.

AMERICAN OFFICIALS IN TROUBLE.

New York, Yesterday. A message from Oklahoma City says that Bills of Impeachment, naming the Governor and two other State officials, were voted at a self-convened session in a local hotel. Many members were summoned from their beds and appeared in pyjamas.

The charges against the Governor (Mr. M. E. Trapp) include his replacing the civil authority by the military, that he is incompetent and that he awarded a police commission to an alleged bandit.—Reuter's American Service.

RUBBER INDUSTRY.

BILL DROPPED FOR THE PRESENT.

London, Yesterday. The Rubber Industry Bill will not be proceeded with any further this session owing to a section of the rubber manufacturers objecting to certain details therein.

The Bill may be re-introduced next year.

AMERICAN DENIAL.

New York, Yesterday. The Chairman of the Dupont Nemours Company characterises the report that the Dupont interests have secured control of the United States Rubber Company as an exaggeration. He explains that a few individuals, of whom he is one, had acquired a considerable block of United States Rubber common stock "as a private speculative venture," but the purchase could in no way be regarded as an investment by the Dupont Company, which was not interested.—Reuter's American Service.

LINDBERGH AGAIN.

Flies From Washington Mexico City.

PRESIDENT'S GREETING.

Airman's Successful 2,000 Mile Non-Stop Trip.

San Antonio (Texas), Yesterday.

Lindbergh arrived in Mexico City at the conclusion of a 2,000 mile non-stop flight from Washington in "The Spirit of St. Louis" in which he crossed the Atlantic. President Calles declared the day a public holiday. Detachments of cavalry were posted on the highway before midnight to control the crowds thronging the route from the capital to Valbuena aerodrome, where President Calles' whole Cabinet was assembled with foreign Ambassadors to greet the airman.—Reuter's American Service.

An Anxious Wait.

Mexico City, Yesterday. A huge crowd of 25,000 to 30,000 people were getting anxious at the Valbuena aerodrome where Lindbergh was unsighted for 26 hours after leaving Washington. President Calles contemplated sending out aerial searchers when "The Spirit of St. Louis" appeared.

There was delirious cheering and a squadron of motorcycle police immediately rushed out to keep the landing place clear, but when the machine landed after a flight of 27 hours 10 minutes, thousands swarmed on to the ground and overwhelmed the police, who had great difficulty to keep the crowd from the aeroplane itself.

Lindbergh climbed into a motorcar, the band playing the Star Spangled Banner and was received by President Calles and the United States Ambassador.—Reuter's American Service.

U. S. NAVAL PLANS.

SUGGESTION FOR "MATERIAL STRENGTHENING."

CONSTRUCTION COSTS.

Washington, Yesterday. Mr. Curtis D. Wilbur, the Secretary of the Navy, has submitted to the Budget Bureau a five-year naval building programme, providing for additional cruisers, submarines and destroyers.

The report that President Coolidge has approved of the programme is denied, but Mr. Longworth, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, has disclosed that he has conferred with the President regarding the advisability of materially strengthening the Navy. He told President Coolidge that the House was in an "ambitious mood" and would support "an adequate programme of naval expansion."

The exact number and specification of the vessels immediately under consideration have not been disclosed but the officials estimate the cost of new construction, apart from replacements, at approximately, G.\$65,000,000 annually.—Reuter's American Service.

No British Changes.

London, Yesterday. Mr. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, was asked in the House of Commons whether in view of the increase in the American shipbuilding programme and of the reversal of the American disarmament policy he would reconsider his decision with regard to the postponement of two cruisers.

He replied that he had read reports of President Coolidge's statement in Press but he found it contained no ground for a departure from the decision of the British Government with regard to the two cruisers.—British Wireless Service.

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